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# "SANCTIONS"—JAPAN'S PROTEST AT BRITISH AID FOR CHINA

## Anglo-American Assistance As Retaliation for Closure of Open Door in Far East

LONDON, DEC. 19. NEWSPAPERS GENERALLY GIVE CONSIDERABLE PROMINENCE TO BRITAIN'S DECISION TO EXTEND CREDITS TO CHINA. "Reuter" understands that the preliminary amount will definitely be £500,000, which will be available immediately, without waiting for the passage of the new export credit Bill. The latter will not be completed before February.

The preliminary amount is in no way expected to be the limit of the credits to be placed at China's disposal. There is no question, at the present, of a loan to support China's currency, as reported in some papers. For the moment China's favourable trade balance appears to be a sufficient support, but if the necessity arises, threatening a slump in the dollar, the possibility of China being granted straight financial help is certainly on the cards.

### EUROPE'S EXODUS OF JEWS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 19. THE EMIGRATION OF 150,000 Jews from Rumania to Palestine within the next three years, is said by the newspaper "Curentul" to be planned by the Rumanian Government. According to the paper, the Government has already entered into negotiations on the subject with the British Government. The cost of transport would be borne by the Rumanian Government, while the cost of settling them in Palestine would have to be met by Jewish institutions. Under this alleged scheme, 50,000 Jews would be settled annually for the next three years. The paper sets in the withdrawal from a large number of Jews in northern Rumania, of licences for the sale of alcohol and tobacco, means of pressure by the Rumanian Government to compel the Jews to emigrate, and the paper predicts the adoption of other measures in the near future.—Trans-Ocean.

DISCUSSED IN LONDON  
Berlin, Dec. 19. Dr. Schacht returned to Germany from London to-day. It is admitted in Berlin that he discussed the question of Jewish emigration during his stay in London.—Reuter Bulletin.

### Weather Postpones Boycott Parade

LONDON, Dec. 19. The China Campaign Committee's intended Japanese boycott parade to-day in Oxford Street was postponed on account of the bitter weather. The China Campaign Committee is holding a ball to-night on behalf of the International Peace Hospital. It will be accompanied by raffles, exhibitions by Chinese gymnasts, and other side-shows, for which a large number of tickets have been sold. A performance of "The Western Chamber" will be given on behalf of the China Ladies' Relief Fund.—Reuter.

### Somaliland Will Remain British

LONDON, Dec. 19. Mr. Neville Chamberlain again emphatically denied to-day in the House of Commons the allegation that the British Government had made a promise to the Italian Government, for the cession to Italy of British Somaliland.—Trans-Ocean.

### EUROPE GRIPPED BY COLD

BERLIN, Dec. 19. WITH THE THERMOMETER at 16.1 degrees centigrade below zero (one degree Fahrenheit below zero) Monday has been the coldest December day experienced in Berlin since 1935, when the thermometer fell to 16.16 degrees centigrade below zero on December 11.

Meteorologists here point out that December is generally far from being the coldest month in Germany, where much lower temperatures are, as a rule, recorded in January and February. However, it is expected that the thermometer will drop still further in the course of the next few days. The severe cold is adversely affecting Christmas shopping. Winter sports enthusiasts, on the other hand, hope that the cold spell with the addition of snow, will extend over the Christmas holidays.—Trans-Ocean.

### FLU RAGES IN JEW NO MAN'S LAND

Bentschen, Poland, Dec. 19. An epidemic of influenza has threatened to break out in the Polish-Jew refugee camp in "No Man's Land" on the frontier as a cold wave has set in. Over 600 refugees are at present ill with influenza and tonsillitis, and hundreds of the other 5,000 in the camp have colds.

Since they arrived at the camp, ten persons have died, according to camp executive officers. The hospital at the camp is crowded, and many who are ill have been taken to private homes in the village of Bentschen. The refugees are those who were expelled from Germany six weeks ago.—United Press.

### SHORTAGE OF COAL

LONDON, Dec. 19. Bitterly cold weather is being experienced in most European countries. In Poland and Czechoslovakia there were 60 degrees of frost and children have been told to stay away from school until further notice. As most of the Czech coal fields have been ceded to Germany, there is a shortage of coal in Prague and the price of this commodity has risen by half.

In the Baltic two ships came to grief and the crew suffered badly from exposure.—Reuter Bulletin.

### Systematic Search For Arab Rebels

LONDON, Dec. 19. A systematic search of Arab "insurrectionary centres" in Palestine is being continued without relaxation, according to a telegram received at the Colonial Office to-day from the High Commissioner, which states that seven Arab villages and settlements were thus searched for arms and munitions during Sunday, in the region of Samaria. One Arab was killed, and ten arrests were made during the operations.—Trans-Ocean.

### "Doin' The Lambeth Walk" In Hongkong



"DOIN' THE LAMBETH WALK... OI!"—the famous dance born in the Cockney districts has invaded the mainland in Hongkong after a run of popularity on the island, where it was banned at one popular rendezvous because of its excessive noise. Guests at the private dance held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday night by the Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy are shown here at the "OI" stage of the dance!—A. Hing.

### Rain of Questions On Position in Yangtse

LONDON, Dec. 19. MOST OF Mr. R. A. Butler's answers to questions on China were made to-day on the omnibus principle.

Replying to Commander Marsden and Captain Alan Graham, who asked whether Mr. Butler was aware that Japanese merchant shipping was plying freely on the Yangtse, and that no Japanese cargo vessels had yet met with misfortune owing to drifting mines, alleged by the Japanese as the objection to reopening the river to British shipping, Mr. Butler said that advertisements and notices of sailings appeared in the Chinese language papers in Shanghai, providing evidence that Japanese steamers were trading on the Yangtse. The Japanese Government, in a note on November 14, stated that a Japanese transport had lately been sunk by mines, but that appeared to have been an isolated instance.—Reuter.

The Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs had now undertaken to give further consideration to the matter in the light of fresh evidence which Sir Robert Craigie had put before him. Mr. Butler replied that the British Consul had promised to furnish full particulars as soon as possible. Mr. A. C. Moreing asked whether the Premier was informed of the attitude of the Japanese authorities in allowing Japanese soldiers in the Yangtsepo district to sell entire.

### JAPANESE COMBINE

LONDON, Dec. 19. Speaking in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Grech Jones asked whether the newly-formed Yangtse Shipping Company was likely to exercise a monopoly, and whether the Government proposed to take action to maintain British interests. Mr. Butler replied that the British Consul had promised to furnish full particulars as soon as possible. Mr. A. C. Moreing asked whether the Premier was informed of the attitude of the Japanese authorities in allowing Japanese soldiers in the Yangtsepo district to sell entire.

### 'New Order' In China: Japanese Excuses

TOKYO, Dec. 19. RECEIVING SOME FIFTY foreign correspondents this afternoon for the first time since his resumption of the Foreign Affairs portfolio in October last, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hachiro Arita, issued the following statement.

"As has been made clear by the statement of November 3, by the Japanese Government, what Japan desires is the establishment of a new order which will ensure the permanent stability of East Asia, or, in other words, the establishment of a relationship of mutual helpfulness and co-ordination between Japan, Manchoukuo and China in political, economic and cultural fields. "That the formation of a closely co-operative relationship between the three countries is an imperative necessity is explained by the fact that it is, in its political aspect, a measure of self-defence against the Communist menace and of safeguarding the civilisation and culture of the Orient, and, in its economic aspect, a measure of self-preservation in the presence of a world-wide tendency to erect high customs barriers and to employ economic measures for political ends.

### SEMI-COLONIAL STATUS

"It is not only of benefit to the Chinese people themselves but to the whole of East Asia to lift China from its present semi-colonial status to the position of a modern State. "The establishment of a new order, that is, of a relationship of mutual aid and co-ordination between Japan, Manchoukuo and China, simply signifies the creation of a solidarity between these three countries for the common purpose of preserving the integrity of East Asia while enabling each nation to maintain its independence and fully to develop its individuality.

### INFLEXIBLE RESOLUTION

"It is the firm conviction of Japan that the establishment of such a new order will be perfectly in consonance with international justice and will contribute toward the peace and tranquillity of East Asia. It is her inflexible resolution to carry out this policy in this era. "The new order envisages a certain degree of economic cohesion and co-operation between Japan, Manchoukuo and China and the formation of a single economic unit in the presence of similar units which already exist elsewhere and which are both powerful and self-sufficing. "At the moment, not a few observers are inclined to feel as though Japan, by the inauguration of the so-called Japan-Manchoukuo-

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### NO CONFIDENCE MOTION IN HOUSE

### Premier Defends Munich Policy

LONDON, Dec. 19. MOVING THE OPPOSITION motion of No Confidence in the foreign policy of the Government in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Hugh Dalton (Lab.) asked whether it was useful for Mr. Chamberlain to visit Rome, when all the evidence was clear that the understandings given by Signor Mussolini had not been kept. Mr. Dalton asked for an assurance that belligerent rights would not be given to General Franco, and accused Mr. Malcolm MacDonald of "defeatism" in his recent speech on the colonies. Mr. Dalton painted a picture of the plight of Czechoslovakia. (Continued on Page 9.)

### LATEST

### China Spends Part Of British Credit

LONDON, Dec. 19. It is understood that the bulk, if not the whole of the £500,000 credit for China will be used for the purchase of motor lorries, intended mainly for use on the Burma-Yunnan road, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent. An order for these lorries has already been placed. Meanwhile the closest attention is being paid in London to the situation at Tientsin, where the Japanese are controlling the movement of Chinese into and out of the foreign concessions.

The Japanese action appears to be prompted by the unsuccessfulness of the position created in their rear by Chinese guerrilla forces. There is reason to believe that the attitude adopted by the Japanese has caused annoyance, not only to Britain and France, but to Germany and Italy.—Reuter.

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### BIG NAVY ADDITIONS 130 Ships Constructing in France

PARIS, Dec. 19. THE FRENCH NAVAL construction programme for 1939 includes 130 units, of which some are already under construction, stated the French Minister of Marine, M. Campanini this afternoon.

These units are to include four battleships of 35,000 tons displacement, two aircraft-carriers of 18,000 tons each, three cruisers of 8,000 tons each, and numerous smaller vessels and submarines. The total tonnage will be 340,000 tons. The Minister declared that this construction programme was without precedent in French history, and that even in 1913, immediately before the start of the Great War, France built fewer warships than a prominent place among the sea powers.—Trans-Ocean.



# TO STUDY MALAYA'S ABORIGINES

## Czech Collecting Data For Anthology Of World's Pygmies

TO gather material for another publication on the negritos in the Philippines and Malaya, Dr. Paul Schebesta, the Czechoslovakian who is one of the world's leading authorities on negritos and pygmies, passed through Singapore recently in the North German Lloyd liner Scharnhorst.

After several months study and living with the negrito tribes in the Philippines, Dr. Schebesta will return to Malaya and spend six months among the aboriginal tribes, about which he has published two books.

Dr. Schebesta has also published three volumes on the pygmies of Africa.

"I am now collecting data for my anthology on the pygmies of the world, five volumes of which are being published in Brussels. After my study in the Philippines, I will have seen all the pigmy tribes in the world," he said.

"I do not support the theory that the pygmies of Africa and negritos of Malaya belong to the same race," he said. "Neither do I support the theory that the pygmies are the oldest strata of mankind."

Dr. Schebesta said that Mr. I. H. Evans, formerly curator of the Perak Museum, Teling, had attacked his theory strongly. This attack had been replied to in a London journal recently.

When he visits Malaya, Dr. Schebesta, will explore the anthropological and ethnographical culture of the aboriginal tribes. He will study blood groups by taking samples of the blood of various tribes for examination, and make masks of faces.

## B. M. A. DEMAND TO HOSPITALS

HOSPITALS receiving regular incomes from workers' contributory schemes should pay 20 per cent. of the income to the honorary medical and surgical staffs. This is the demand of the B.M.A. said.

"Municipal and voluntary hospitals cater to an increasing extent for the same classes of the community," an official of the B.M.A. said.

"Medical and surgical staffs of municipal hospitals are paid. In voluntary hospitals they are not."

"In the old days voluntary hospitals existed to care for the sick poor. The medical profession, fully giving its services free and is still willing to do so, but where people are paying for their keep in hospital it is difficult to argue that the doctor alone should be expected to give his services free."

**DOCTOR'S VIEWPOINT**  
"If a patient can pay at all it is only fair that some part of the money should go to the medical staff."

"One must also look at it from the doctor's point of view. If a specialist can get salaried work from a municipal hospital, then a young doctor with nothing behind him tends to go for the municipal appointment every time. That is not good for the voluntary hospitals."

"Doctors, to-day, feel that it is a different thing giving their services free to the sick poor from attending 80 per cent. of the population for nothing."

Mr. R. Lancaster (general secretary of the Doncaster Infirmary) declared that about one fifth of the hospitals in the country had agreed to the demand, though, perhaps, to a

## 400 PRIESTS GO TO THEATRE

By special permission of Cardinal Hinsley, more than 400 priests attended a special matinee of "Traitor's Gate" at the Duke of York's Theatre recently.

Few of them had been to a theatre since their ordination. The Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church does not permit priests in this country to go to the theatre or opera, but they may attend cinemas.

## MAY NOT MARRY ON 5s. A WEEK

An 18-year-old under-gardener who said he earned £1 2s. 6d. a week when in work but at present received only 5s. from a paper round was refused permission by the Sutton (Surrey) magistrates recently to marry his sweetheart of 16.

The would-be bridegroom, George Charles Parker, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Parker, of Duncan Road, Burgh Heath, opposed the marriage, admitted that he had no money, but said he was hoping shortly to get a job.

He left his home last June after disagreement with his father, and lodged with the parents of his girl, Florence Rose Smith, Chapel Way, Bantstead.

Her parents had given them a suite of furniture, the girl had bought her wedding-dress, and the wedding was fixed for Christmas.

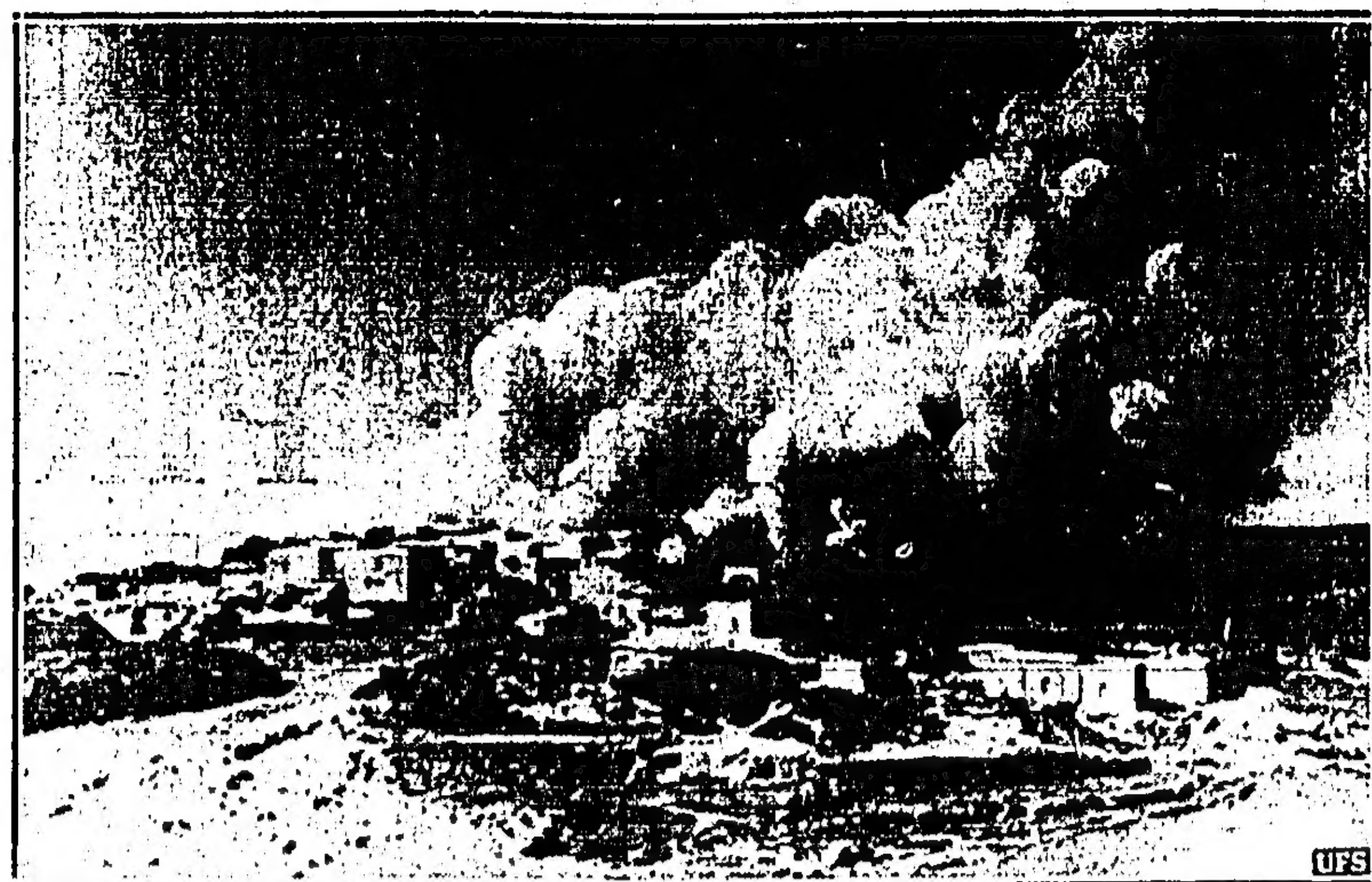
**"LIKE A SHY GIRL"**  
"You are like a shy girl. One wonders which is the man of the two," commented Mr. G. E. Baker, a magistrate, when Parker had to be prompted by the girl to reply to questions.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith, parents of the girl, said they were willing to let the couple live with them.

Mr. Smith added that his wife was married at 17, and he was married when only a youngster and he had never regretted it. His daughter was coming 18, a week.

Mr. E. M. Gibson (Clerk) to the girl: Don't you think it ridiculous that you and this boy should take on marriage on 5s. a week?—No, sir, I don't.

"When the prospects are brighter I do not think any Bench would refuse you," the chairman (Mr. Horace Sharp) told the couple as they left the court.



Sections of the Arab village of Mfar, located in the hills of North Palestine, set afire by British troops as punishment against the villagers for aiding rebels. Many such villages in North Palestine are strongholds for the rebels, who snipe at troops and traffic on the roads. British are trying to drive them out of their strongholds.

## EMPIRE NEWS

### DEFENCE PLANS IN AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY.  
Mr. J. A. Lyons, the Federal Prime Minister, in the course of his first official reply to the many Press criticisms alleging that Australia's defences are completely inadequate, admitted that unprovoked aggression against Australia was not impossible. Australia must immediately be made more prepared.

Referring to the Navy, Mr. Lyons said he could not discuss future plans, but every effort would be made to provide the numbers and types of warships which the experts advised. He claimed that the Australian Air Force's Hawker Demons and Avro Ansons were capable of dealing with any sea-borne aircraft likely to be used against Australia.

He revealed that millions had been spent on coastal defences in accordance with the Committee of Imperial Defence's advice. The Army had the equipment to mobilise seven divisions of anti-aircraft guns. The manufacture of Bren guns would begin shortly at Melbourne. He appealed for a united effort by all classes in preparation for any emergency.

Opening the militia voluntary enlistment campaign to-day, Mr. Lyons appealed for 70,000 recruits.

**BUILDING OF BOMBERS**—The Federal Cabinet is considering an agreement which has been concluded between Councillor T. S. Nettlefold, of the Melbourne City Council, and Dr. Donald Douglas, of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, for the manufacture in Australia of Douglas and Northrop bombers. Mr. Nettlefold states that factory could be erected in Sydney, Melbourne or Hobart, and that it could be ready for production in about a year.

### PARTY LEADER IN BY-ELECTION

MONTREAL.  
Dr. Robert Manion, the Conservative leader, is seeking a seat in the House of Representatives at the by-election in London, Ontario.

To ensure that the Liberal Prime Minister, has withdrawn a party candidate from the contest, but there will be a stiff fight with the Socialist candidate, Mr. E. O. Hall.

Three-cornered fights are in prospect at Brandon, Manitoba, and Waterloo, South Ontario, where other Federal by-elections are being held. The result will go far to indicate the feeling of Canadians over a wide-spread area towards the Mackenzie King Administration.

### DOCKERS' STRIKE OVER

WELLINGTON.  
The dockers' strike at Auckland, which was holding up Christmas mails and cargoes, has been temporarily settled. The men are returning to work on terms suggested by the Prime Minister, Mr. M. J. Savage, although many are reported to be against going back.

Mr. Savage, in a statement on the strike, declared: "Some means must be evolved of settling these disputes without holding up both external and internal trade."

"The whole economic life of the country is being strangled while arguments are taking place between the companies and the dockers. The waterfront trouble is not the way to balance overseas trade, but the way to crucify the people."

### "Black Book" Best Seller

PRAGUE.  
One of the publishing successes of this season is the "Black Book" of Prague's tailors which contains the addresses of 8,000 customers who have refused to pay for their clothes. It has now run into its 11th edition.



Timber yards are the favourite aim of terrorists in Palestine, since timber is imported and therefore very expensive. Here is a timber yard set ablaze in Haifa, near Jerusalem. Fire brigades in Palestine are primitively equipped and vastly inadequate. Once a yard has been fired, its complete destruction is practically certain.

## Hungry, Parted With Baby

Yecool.  
Two young parents sat in a bare whitewashed cottage here recently and mourned the baby son they cannot call their own. They are so poor that they could not afford to keep him. They have had to allow another family to adopt him.

Six-foot Henry Mulcock and his blonde wife ate their usual dinner of mashed swedes and turnips and told the pitiful story of how they have lost their son.

"The people who have legally adopted Raymond came and took him away," said Mr. Mulcock. "He's four years old now, and needs good food to make him grow. But we can't afford any..."

### LIVING ON TURNIPS

Mr. Mulcock has been out of work for two years.

His wife took up the story:

"Our meals are one deary round of vegetables. We can rarely afford meat, my husband used to weigh 14 stones. Now his body and muscles are wasted..."

She picked up a snapshot of her husband as he was soon after their marriage.

It was the picture of a massive man, heavily-muscled. Mr. Mulcock held out his thin arms, then silently returned to his meal of swedes.

## Prison For Assaulting Her Son Of 3

Remanded for a medical examination, Mrs. Florence Noakes was at Cambridge, recently sent to prison for six months for assaulting her three-year-old son.

Mrs. Noakes lives at Council Houses, Fulbourn Road, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge.

The presiding magistrate (Alderman W. L. Briggs) said the Bench felt that there had been cruelty to the child.

"There has been a difference of treatment between one child and another," he added. "We have had you medically examined and we are told that your

## AMERICAN WOMAN'S ESCAPE

### Incident In Tientsin's Danger Zone

Tientsin.  
When passing the bridge bordering the racetrack in Chinese territory recently, Mrs. J. K. Caldwell, wife of the United States Consul-General, narrowly escaped being hit by a bullet, apparently fired by someone hidden in the tall reeds nearby. She heard the shot and saw the bullet strike the water.

An unprecedented series of attacks, allegedly by bandits, has occurred here since an order was issued forbidding Chinese and Japanese to attend the races. The outrages include the murder of a Russian dairy proprietor, the holding-up of a prominent Belgian family at their residence and the maltreatment and robbing of a hospital matron. All the attacks occurred in the racetrack area, the insecurity of which is being brought to the attention of consuls.

## Watermelon Yields Dime

North Platte, Neb.  
When Mary Neal of Tyrone, Neb., sliced a watermelon picked from her backyard little did she suspect that she would be rewarded for the incident. Mary found a ten-cent coin dated 1925 in the heart of the melon.

mental condition is not such that you would not know what you are doing."

**THE BEST THING**  
"We feel the best thing for you is that you should go to prison for six months, with application to the authorities to give you psychological or other treatment if it is required."

At the previous hearing it was stated by Dr. Archibald Hanton that he found the child covered with bruises.

Inspector Mander, of the N.S.P.C.C., stated on that occasion that Mrs. Noakes had another child, a younger one, which was all right.

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# TWO WOMEN IN BOAT CAUGHT BY GALE

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## Saved By Beach Crowd

TWO 80-year-old women shared, with a large number of boat-anglers, off Deal recently, the alarming experience of being caught in a sudden gale which threatened disaster.

They were competing in the Deal and Walmer Angling Association festival when the storm burst.

Hurriedly, the anglers started for the shore, but the situation became so menacing to the smaller boats that the larger craft took them in tow.

Large crowds on the beach anxiously watched their passage through the heavy seas and driving rain.

At times the boats were lost to sight in the trough of the rollers.

### UNDAUNTED

As each boat neared the shore men on the beach rushed in to the water to grasp the ropes that were thrown to them and they had ready helpers to haul boats and anglers clear of the surf.

The women of 80 were quite undaunted.

One recalled a worse experience in the Bay of Biscay 60 years ago, and the other said: "It was all right until it rained."

### SAVED BY LIFEBOAT

Another rescue of anglers was effected by Gorleston lifeboat.

Two motor-boats, containing 12 men, were found drifting helplessly in the gale. Three of the men had to be taken on to the lifeboat and the two boats were towed to Great Yarmouth Harbour.

Two fishing vessels were victims of the storm.

The Lowestoft steam-drifter Peaceful Star had her stem and bows damaged in a collision with the 200-ton motor ship Camberus III, in Stamford Channel, but was able to reach harbour unaided.

The Milford trawler Cheriton (275 tons) ran ashore at Holm Bay, Ronsay. Stromness lifeboat went to her assistance, but was not required as a rescuing boat was already alongside.

### RATS FLOODED OUT

Driven from their sewer homes by flood water, a number of rats appeared in Maidman Street, Stepney. Men armed with sticks and shovels killed scores of them, while screaming women locked themselves in their houses.

In the excitement someone dialled 999 and a police wireless car raced

### Dreams Leads To Fall

Lockport, Lt.

Roy W. Breas, 200-pound oilfield worker, had a pretty bad dream, but he can't remember what it was about. He does know that when he awoke he was falling from the second story of his boarding house. He suffered bruises.

## Man, Eats 120 Oysters

Sydney, N. S. W.

T. W. Rattigan, 71, ate 10 dozen oysters at one sitting at a luncheon held in connection with the eleventh annual Oyster Growers' conference here. His performance is acclaimed as the best weight-for-age feat seen at the conference for many years.

to the scene, wending its way through the traffic.

"Some of the rats were almost as large as cats," Mr. V. Jackson, of Burdett Road, Bow, told the *News Chronicle*, "but the men soon killed them off. By the time the police arrived there were between 60 and 70 dead rats in the road."

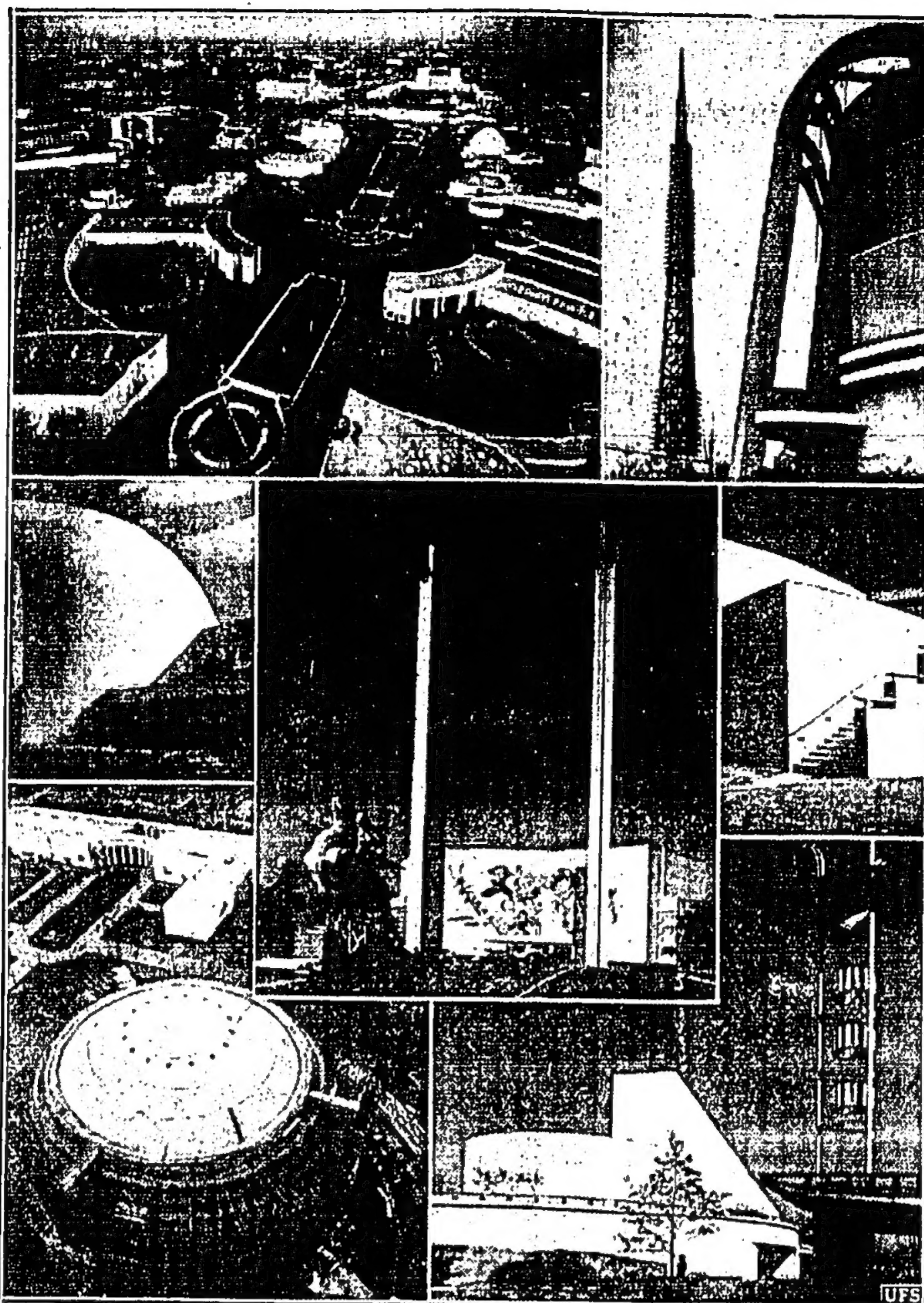
### WHIRLWIND HITS STREET

At Burton-on-Trent a whirlwind struck Blackpool and Street and damaged several houses, sending chimney pots crashing through roofs. Damage was concentrated to a stretch of about 100 yards, and residents built a mile away felt nothing of the whirlwind.

A rapidly deepening storm centre sweeping in from the Atlantic brought the heavy rain which lashed the greater part of Southern England yesterday. Channel steamers reported bad crossings.

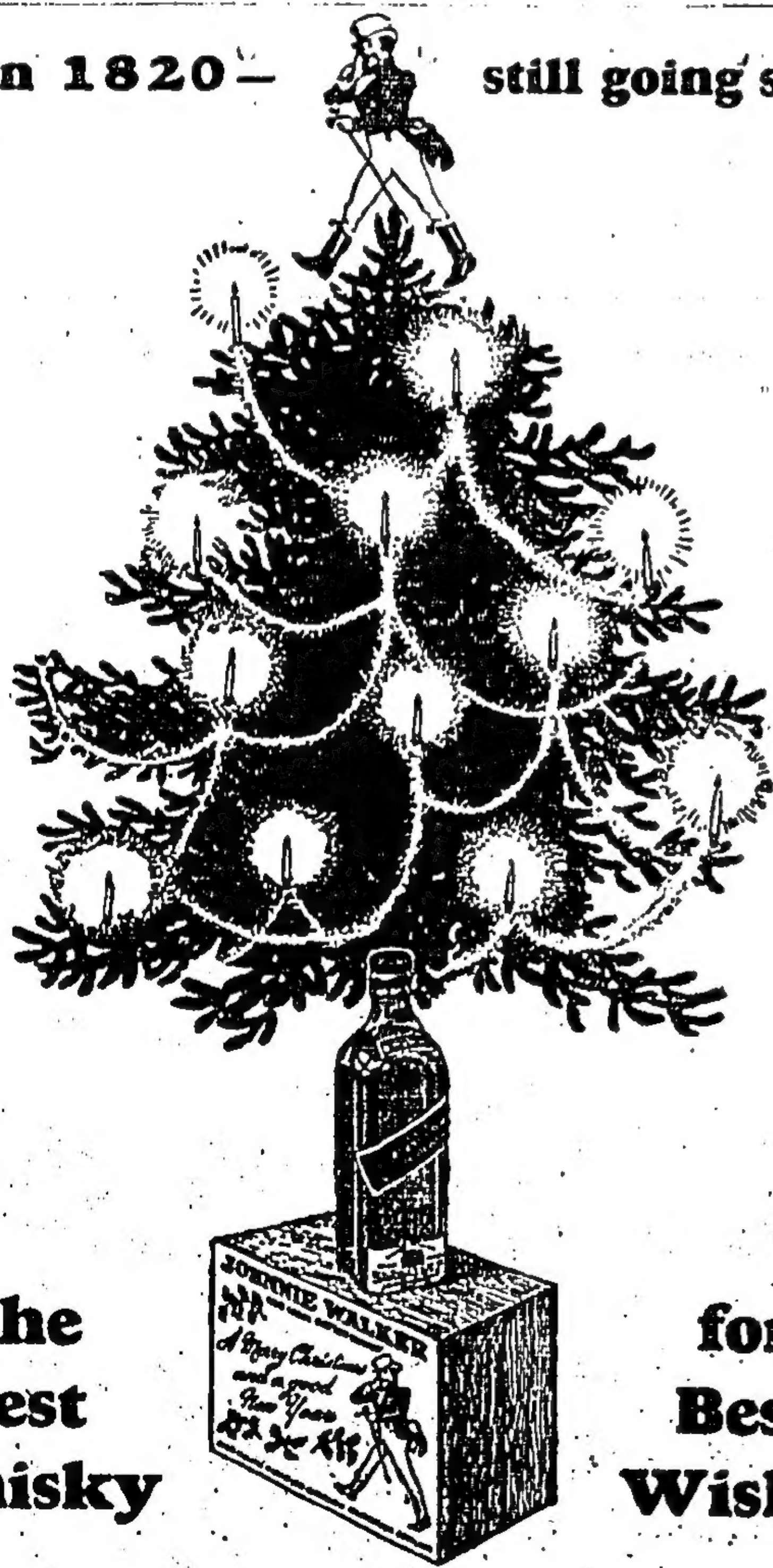
At Swanage 1.3in. fell and 1.25in. was recorded in the Isle of Wight. The extreme South-West had 1.22 in.

In some places there were sleet and snow showers. Unsettled weather seems likely to last for some days.



Here is how the camera views curves and angles of the New York World's Fair. Upper left, general view looking down from the trolley on Constitution Mall, toward the Federal Building. Fore-ground, Washington Square; centre, Lagoon of Nations. Upper right, Electrical Appliance Building, trolley on left. Left centre, Marine Building, Centre, Communications Building. Right centre, stairway of Food Building. Lower left, Pershing Under Construction, looking down from trolley; Business Systems Building at upper left. Lower right, Textiles Building, left, and Information Booth. Textiles building is located on Petticoat Lane.

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## Sea Monster Stoned By Fisherman

Deal.

A monster basking shark was seen by three Deal boatmen (Harry Bailey, George Budd and George Baker) when on the beach recently.

It was swimming rapidly parallel with the shore and only a few yards out. Bailey and Baker ran to the pier for a better view and Budd to the water's edge.

"From the pier," Bailey said, "we saw the huge fish moving quickly and quietly towards us, until Budd hit it twice with stones.

"Throwing its huge tail in the air, it lashed the water and dived between the pier piles. The next we saw of it was a hundred yards or so seaward, where it lay floating with a big fin about three feet out of the water.

### BLOW WITH OAR

"A Deal motor-boat, the Galatia, with E. May and J. Brown on board was passing the pier head after a night's herring fishing. Drifting slowly down until they were alongside the fish, May struck it with an oar. Spray flew in all directions as, once more throwing its tail in the air, the creature made off like a torpedo and disappeared."

Here let May take up the story. "As we drifted alongside," he said, "what we saw, whatever else it was, was a monster. There was about three tons of it.

"It was a lot bigger than the boat we were in, which is 17ft. long. It was quite 20ft. long if it wasn't more. "I made a mighty swipe at it with an oar, but I might just as well have hit it with a feather, for all that the monster did was to fling its great tail into the air and make off. All that we got was a good soaking from the flying spray."

### LOOKED LIKE TREE TRUNK

Anglers fishing from the beach a mile from here say that they saw what they at first thought was a large tree trunk drifting past only a yard or two from their lines. Shining a torch on it they could see that it was a monster fish.

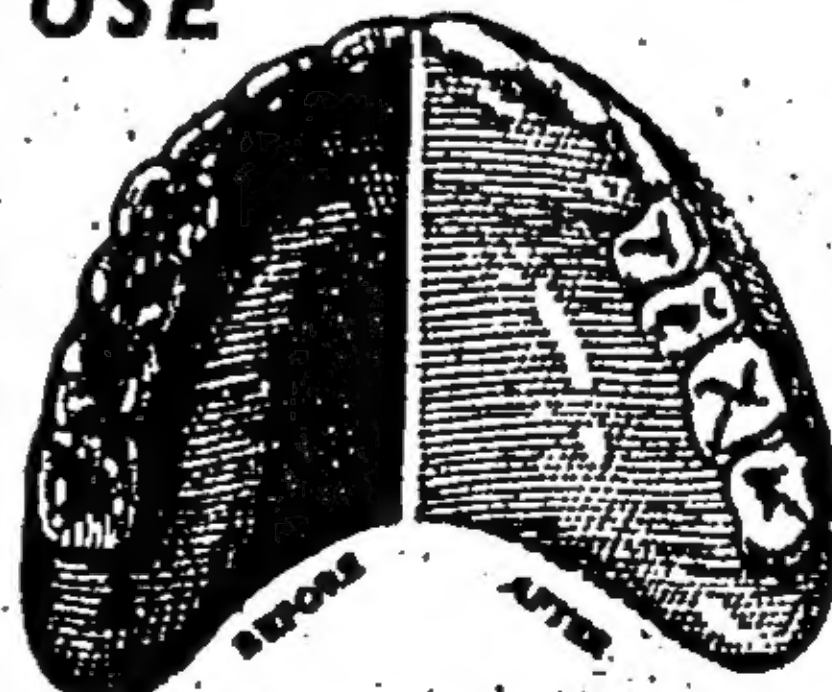
"So quiet was it and in such shallow water that they thought it had been struck by a steamer and was dead, but when they threw lumps of chalk at it it became very much alive and disappeared in the darkness.

To Hospital Over A Fly

Las Vegas, Nev. C. F. Athons was shaving with a straight edge razor when a pestiferous fly gave him an unusually annoying nip on his other arm. He took a swipe at it with the hand which held the razor, missed the fly and was rushed to a hospital.

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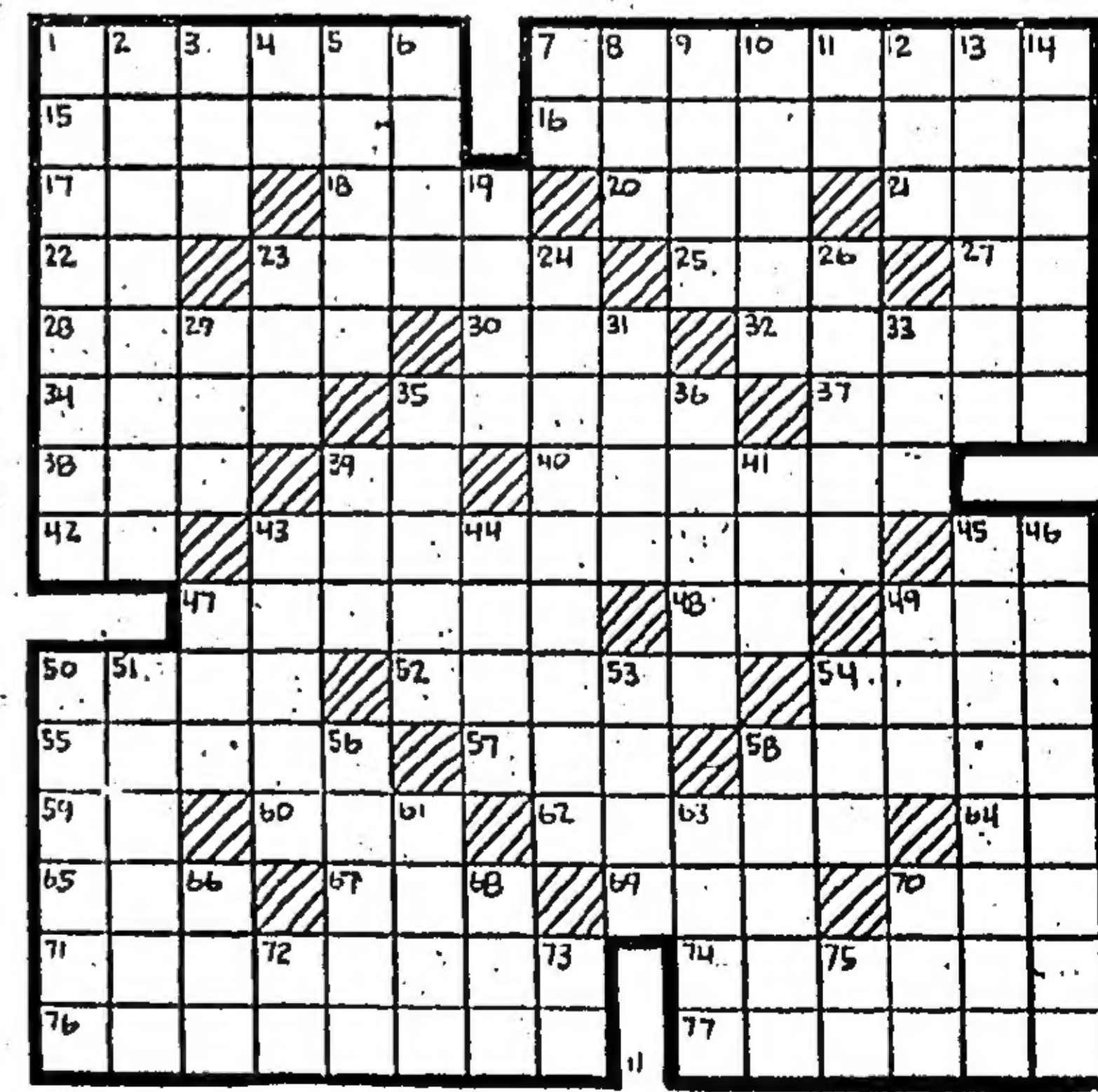
By LARS MORRIS

### ACROSS

- 1—Moving forward
- 7—Type of umbrella
- 10—One who utters small sounds
- 15—Furred composition
- 17—Years of life
- 18—Feline animal
- 20—Toward rest of ship
- 21—Large Australian bird
- 22—Note of scale
- 23—Very much larger
- 25—Extremes end
- 26—Vocalism
- 28—Anasthetic gas
- 30—Lower limb
- 31—Model class
- 34—Oriental country
- 35—Moderately warm
- 37—Opposite of profit
- 38—Olives of milk
- 39—Exclamation
- 40—Made happy
- 42—Vividly into
- 43—Heaved into thin sheets
- 45—In the supposition that
- 47—Not adjoined
- 48—Affective suffix
- 49—Dissolving material
- 50—Tired period of night
- 51—Laid vision vessel
- 52—Tut on feet
- 53—Each in turn
- 54—That which is above
- 55—Single
- 56—Referring to district of ancient Greece
- 59—Over in Italy
- 60—Borrowed
- 62—Tangible proof of statement

### DOWN

- 2—Toward
- 3—Crum
- 6—Wraith
- 22—Black-shelled fruit
- 24—Metal container
- 27—Tireless to courage
- 28—Held in earnest opinion
- 32—Laid verge to
- 33—Dress in cloth
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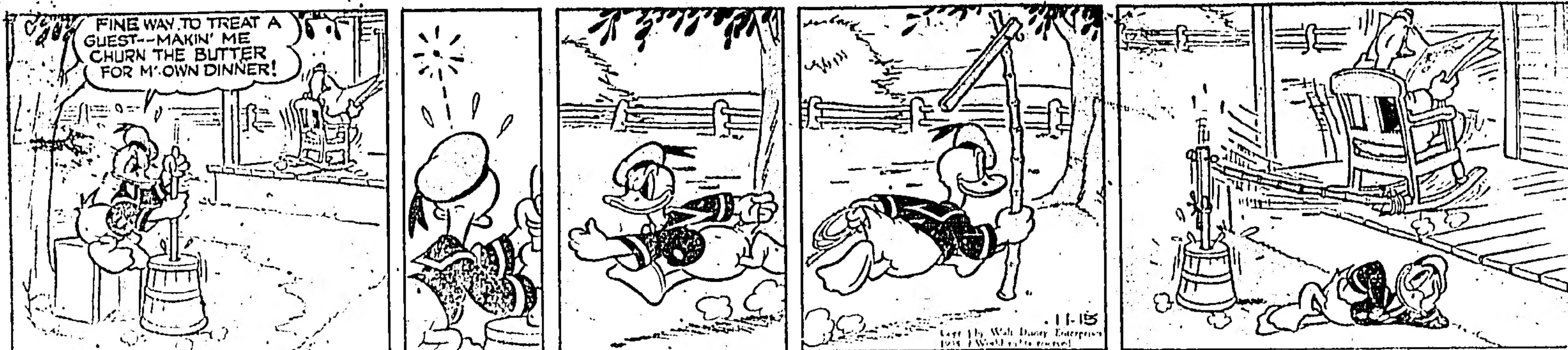




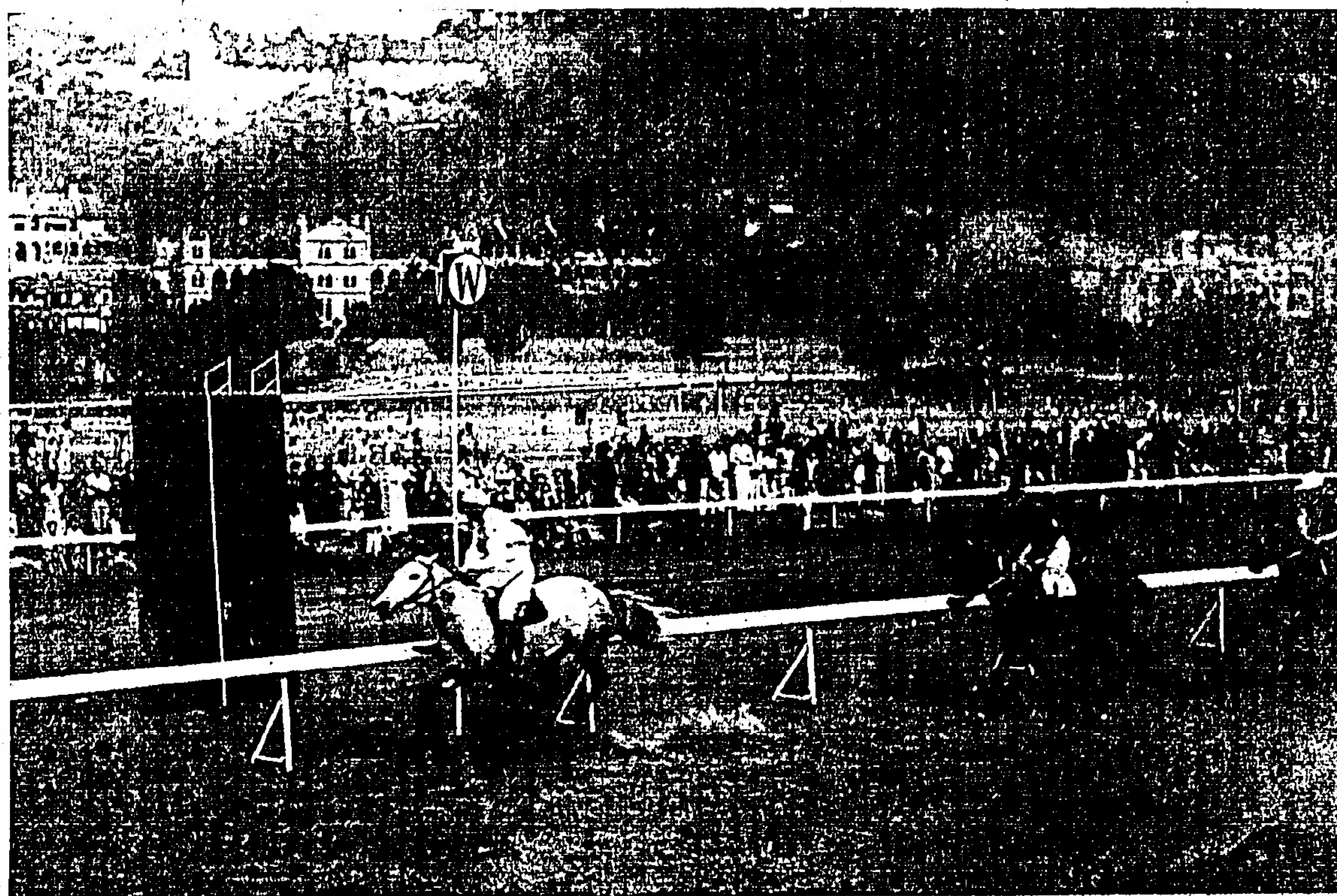


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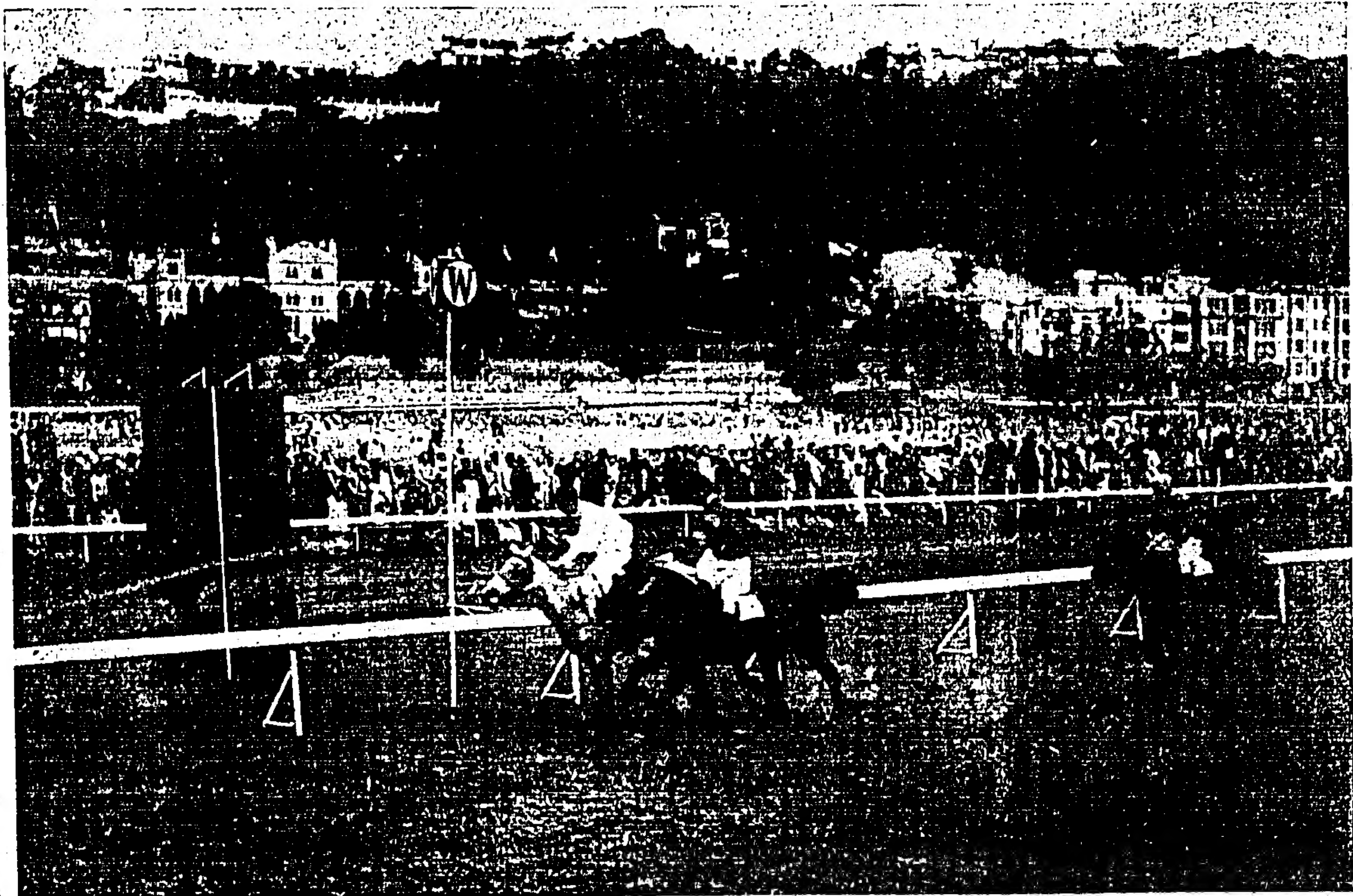
By Walt Disney



## AT THE RACES ON SATURDAY



PICTURE SHOWS how easily Salvage Master, owned by Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield and ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao, won the Hongkong Autumn Sub-Griffins Champions on Saturday. Piet Hein was second and National Guard third.—Staff Photographer.



Mr. A. W. Raymond, riding Double Chance, just managed to push his pony's nose in front of Plain View in the Dilatory Handicap on Saturday, and paid backers \$45.70 for a win. The grey pony's outstretched neck earned him the victory. Flybynight is in third place on the right of the picture.—Staff Photographer.

## KOWLOON AFFAIRS

### K.R.A. Committee's Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents Association was held on Tuesday, December 13, in St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Those present were—Mr. B. Wylie (President), Mr. H. Baldwin (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), Miss H. D. Sawyer, Rev. Fr. A. Granelli, Messrs. Li Chor-chi, C. M. Manners, D. W. Munton, R. Pestonji and C. E. Terry. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. C. Mow Fung and I. N. Murray.

The President reported having written to the Director of Education on the subjects of unregistered schools, and "Safety First" propaganda in schools. The Director of Education had promised that enquiries should be made into the first matter, and said that arrangements had already been made and schools circulated regarding the second.

The President read a list of 54 names of members whom he proposed should be removed from the membership list for various reasons. To this the Committee agreed.

With reference to the congestion at the Star Ferry Wharf, Hongkong, it was reported by members that, following police action, conditions there had recently improved.

Correspondence was read regarding the increase of crime in Kowloon, traffic matters, deficiencies in bus services, trees in Kowloon, refugee camps, season tickets for workmen

(on Kowloon buses), and the alteration of a sectional bus stop in Nathan Road.

**Points Raised**  
A letter from a member was read, drawing attention to the need for more buses to be put on the No. 6 route. It was felt that the matter was being dealt with already in the only possible way, i.e. by bringing the matter to the notice of the Traffic Board.

Chatham Road residents had also brought to the notice of the Committee matters in connection with the Children's Playground in that locality. The subject was referred to the Playgrounds Sub-Committee.

A letter from the Chinese Y.M.C.A. appealing to the Association for assistance in making the beach at Lei Chi Kok available again for swimming (the Medical Board having announced last July that swimming at the beach was dangerous on account of the proximity of the Cholera Hospital) was read. It was decided to send a copy of the letter to the Director of Medical Services asking for his views, and recommending that it possible something be done to preserve the beach for bathing in view of the very large number of Chinese for which it had catered.

It having been brought to the Committee's notice that the Salisbury Road Car Park was now entirely inadequate after some discussion regarding sites suitable for adaptation as extra additional parking places, it was agreed to write and ask Government to consider the advisability of using the piece of land at the corner of Nathan and Salisbury Roads for that purpose.

It was agreed to donate \$50 to St. Andrew's Church for allowing the Association to use the Church Hall for all its meetings.

## CANTON-SHANGHAI PLANE SERVICE

### Japanese Plans To Use Former C.N.A.C. Route

Peiping, Dec. 19.

Absorbing the Huiting Aviation Corporation, a Sino-Japanese concern, the China Aviation Corporation was formally inaugurated here on Saturday as the principal organisation to manage air transport in China.

Capitalised at Yuan 6,000,000, the new concern will operate service as follows:—Peiping-Shanghai, Shanghai-Hankow, Shanghai-Canton, Peiping-Dairen and Peiping-Tientsin. Participating in the enterprise are the Provisional Government at Peiping, the Reformed Government at Nanking, the Federated Autonomous Government of Mongolia, the Japan Aviation Corporation and the Manchukuo Air Transport Company.

Mr. Tanaka Kichiro, Vice-President of the Manchukuo Air Transport Company, has been appointed President of the new Corporation, whose head office is at Peiping. Branches will be established throughout China.—Domei.

Before hostilities in China, the route from Canton to Peiping was operated by the China National Aviation Corporation, calls being made at Hongkong, Shanghai and Nanking.

### C.N.A.C. ACCIDENT

#### Under-Carriage Damaged At Kweilin

It is now revealed that a C.N.A.C. plane was involved in a slight accident at Kweilin at the beginning of this month when landing. Owing to the unevenness of the field the landing gear of the machine was damaged. There were several passengers aboard at the time, the plane being on the run from Chungking and Kunming.

The machine was not one from Hongkong, and no-one was hurt in the accident. The landing gear has been repaired and the plane is back in service.

### EURASIA PLANE LEAVES

A Eurasia plane left Kai Tak in the early hours of yesterday morning for Kunning, with passengers, mail and freight.

### HAWAII MYSTERY

Honolulu, Dec. 19.

A Filipino diving to recover nets 10 miles south of Kona Point discovered an aeroplane with its nose buried in the sand.

A United Press correspondent, who

accompanied the crew of a naval vessel, personally inspected the plane, which was found to be an old wreck.

The machine is at a depth of 20 feet, and almost completely buried in sand and wedged between volcanic boulders. Naval authorities think the wreck is a biplane, as the buried wing seemed lower, while the upper part had apparently been carried away.—United Press.

### TON OF HOME MAILS

#### Two Planes Due Here This Afternoon

The Imperial Airways plane Delphinus reached Kai Tak at 2.45 p.m. yesterday with mails from Australia and Africa.

A ton of mails from the United Kingdom is expected to reach Kai Tak by the planes Della and Dardanus at 5 p.m. to-day. The last mail was received from the United Kingdom on Thursday, and to-day's mails have been delayed three days.

### AIR SERVICE

#### Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

##### Outward

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. December 20.  
For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. services indefinite.  
For U.S.A., via Manila, Honolulu, Guam: Pan American China Clipper 8.30 a.m. December 20.  
For France, via Hanoi, Air France, 6.30 a.m. December 24.

##### Inward

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways Dardanus, 5 p.m. December 19; Imperial Airways Della, Delphinus 5 p.m. December 22.  
From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.  
From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Pan American China Clipper 12.30 p.m. December 28.  
From France, via Hanoi: Air France, 12.30 p.m. December 22.

## RADIO

### Ruth Litvin in a Studio Piano Recital

#### SCHUBERT QUARTET

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a frequency of 845 k.c.s. and on Short Wave from 6-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

6.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) My Own; (b) I'm Gonna lock my heart; (c) You're as pretty as a picture; (d) Mama, I wanna make Rhythm.

6.14 Record: Ah! The Moon Is Here (film "Footlight Parade"); Turn Back the Clock... Paul Whitcomb presents Ramona and Her Grand Piano with clarinet and trumpet.

6.21 (a) Honey-suckle Rose; (b) Mama's gone Bye-Bye; (c) Moon Glow; (d) Rhythm Mad; (e) Moonlight Rhapsody; (f) River Reveries; (g) Quentin M. Maclean (Organ); (h) Fox-Trot Medley... Gerry Moore (Piano).

6.44 (a) I've got a date with a dream; (b) The Yarn; (c) Bewildered; (d) Lullaby in Rhythm.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Light Variety.  
Vocal—Robins and Roses (Burke)  
... Len Bermon with Orchestra;  
Vocal—No Wonder She's A Blushing Bride (Uccello like-Mills).... Tessie O'Shea with her band; Vocal—Robins and Roses (Burke); Riding the Range in the Sky (Carlton); Twilight On The Trail (film "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine").... Wilfrid Thomas (Baritone) with The Good Companions; Orch.—Nobody's Sweetheart (Meyers-Schoenfeld); Moon Glow (De Lange-Mills).... Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots in "Drumsticks"; Vocal—Panama's (film "Swing High Swing Low"); On A Tropic Night (film "Tropic Holiday").... Dorothy Lamour with Herbie Kay and His

Orchestra; Vocal—Ballerina (Boots) ... The Three Musketeers and Rae Jenkins Busters.  
7.30 Grieg—Peer Gynt Suite No. 2 Op. 35.  
New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

7.45 B.B.C. Recording—"Breaking Athletic Records."  
A talk by Harold Abrahams.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 Ketelbey—"In A Fairy Realm" Suite.

Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert Orchestra conducted by the Composer.  
8.15 London Relay—"The Snowman."

A play for broadcasting. Written and produced by Leslie Stokes.  
8.45 Studio—Piano Recital by Ruth Litvin.

1. Prelude, Op. 28, No. 17 (Chopin); 2. Prelude, Op. 28, No. 24 (Chopin); 3. Consolation, No. 7 (Liszt); 4. Rhapsody, No. 8 (Liszt); 5. Military Band Music.

Tarantelle De Concert (Greenwood, arr. Godfrey).... Xylophone Solo accompanied by The Band Of H.M. Grenadier Guards; The Voice Of The Bells (Lugini, arr. Miller) ... The Band Of H.M. Grenadier Guards under the direction of Major George Miller; Hungarian Fantasy (Flegely).... Band Of The Royal Hungarian "Maria Theresia" Regiment; Palms Of Victory—March (Blankenburg).... Mased "Military Bands."

9.30 London Relay—The News.  
9.50 Songs by Stuart Robertson (Baritone).

Songs That Everybody Should Know... with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.  
10.0 Edwin Fischer at the Piano.

Sonata in A Major, K.331 (Mozart); Romance in A Flat Major, K. Anh. 205 (Mozart); 10.22 Schubert—Quartet No. 14 in D Minor ("Death and the Maiden")  
Played by the Roth String Quartet.  
11.0 Close down.

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Lincoln Ellsworth, left, famed American explorer, chats with American Minister Leo J. Keena, just before leaving Capetown, South Africa, for further explorations in the Antarctic regions.

## Crinoline Too Dear A Fashion To Last

ENGLISH women are wearing crinolines again—but only for this season, say the fashion firms. It is too luxurious a style to last.

## EMPIRE NEWS

### Air Progress In New Zealand

Auckland. The first air direction-finding wireless equipment in New Zealand has been installed at Horekai aerodrome, Wellington. Over 30,000 persons use the airport annually.

British Trade Commissioner—Mr. R. Boulter, the British Trade Commissioner in New Zealand, is to leave in January on an official visit and holiday leave trip to England.

INDIA

### FALSE CONGRESS PROPAGANDA

Bombay. The irresponsible methods of Congress Press propaganda are shown by the report of the Committee of Inquiry on the Mysore rioting on Jan. 11, published recently.

The report mentions the accounts in newspapers to the effect that the police fired from inside a building upon crowds rushing through the narrow bazaar, killing 32. It had been proved to the Committee that all the windows of the building were covered with wire netting through which it would be impossible to pass a rifle.

The Congress leader had since admitted the impossibility of firing from these windows, explaining the newspaper reports as "hearsay." He admitted that he had told a newspaperman that "the reports to the Press don't matter."

The Mysore Government's official casualty list of 10 dead had been proved correct.

The Committee found that a Congress campaign of "unparalleled violence, conducted without regard for truth," was responsible for the crowd's attack on the police who were forced to fire in self-defence. After this, "false information was broadcast to the world."

### COMMUNAL RIOTING

Calcutta. A Moslem and a Hindu were killed in rioting between workers and strikers at a jute mill near Calcutta. The rioting then assumed a communal character. Two European police officers and 42 other persons were injured and 150 arrests were made.

SOUTH AFRICA

### TOWN PLANNING IN TABLE BAY

Cape Town. It is stated that an overseas company offered £8,000,000 for the land which is now being reclaimed from Table Bay through the construction of the new £6,000,000 harbour.

The offer was refused. The Cape Town Municipal Council will dispose of the land for an ambitious town-planning scheme which will completely alter the face of Cape Town. The reclaimed area will be about half the size of the present metropolitan area of the city.

Voorrekkers Ceremony.—Because the Mayor is a Jew, Benoni Town Council will not be asked to participate in the Voorrekkers centenary celebrations there. The committee responsible for celebrations asked the Mayor, Mr. M. Nestadt, to allow a Christian to represent the Council at

Imagine an evening dress that takes sixty yards of net, ten yards of tulle, and six and a half yards of ribbon to make; this was a crinoline frock made in London this season.

The simplest crinolines take twelve to fourteen yards of material. Compare this with the usual five or six yards for an evening dress, and you will see why a crinoline now costs anything up to 50 per cent. more than a straight-skirted one.

English women prefer the petticoats stiffened with horsehair not instead of whalebone, as in America. The Duchess of Kent wore one of these modified crinolines when she danced at a ball in Bath last month.

London shops are selling a good many crinoline frocks. One, in white brocade, is being made as a wedding dress. Others are sold for dances and dinner.

Miss Chisham, buyers for a big store, said, "People tell us they find them easy to wear. The only trouble is getting them in and out of cars—and, of course, it's no good expecting to cram into a theatre seat."

With the crinolines go all the other Victorian fashions—off-the-shoulder necklines, corset laces, neckbands, and hair ornaments. A lovely fashion while it lasts.

## Chinese Refugees: Gratitude

LADY Layton, chairman of the Clothing and Comforts Committee of the British Fund (late Lord Mayor's) for the Relief of Distress in China, writes:

I am sure your readers will be interested to hear that in a letter written by the secretary of the British Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai on October 23 he states:

"At present in the settlement and concession there must be about 60,000 refugees. Most of the clothing received from time to time from England has gone to the Chinese, but naturally there are many items, like plus fours, that are of no use to them. These are handed to the B.W.A. or King's Daughters' Society to give to foreigners, of whom they have many on their books—also refugees."

### "HERCULEAN TASK"

"But everything has been used. 'What Shanghai would have done without the Lord Mayor's Fund I cannot imagine. It was really a herculean task caring for all the refugees that poured in from up-river and down-stream and all over the country. This effort on the part of the British has been very much appreciated.'"

The Depot has already dispatched 1,405 bales of medical supplies and clothing, but the need is desperate. May I appeal to your readers to do all they can see that this supply remains constant or increasing?

the ceremony. Mr. Nestadt declined to do this.

JAMAICA

### LABOUR LEADER'S DEMANDS

Kingston. Alexander Bustamante, the Labour leader, in a statement before the Royal Commission characterised the last and present Government of Jamaica, the late Sir Edward Denham and Sir Arthur Richards, as "Fascists." He wants a minimum wage of a dollar a day for workers and old age pensions for Jamaican workers at 50.



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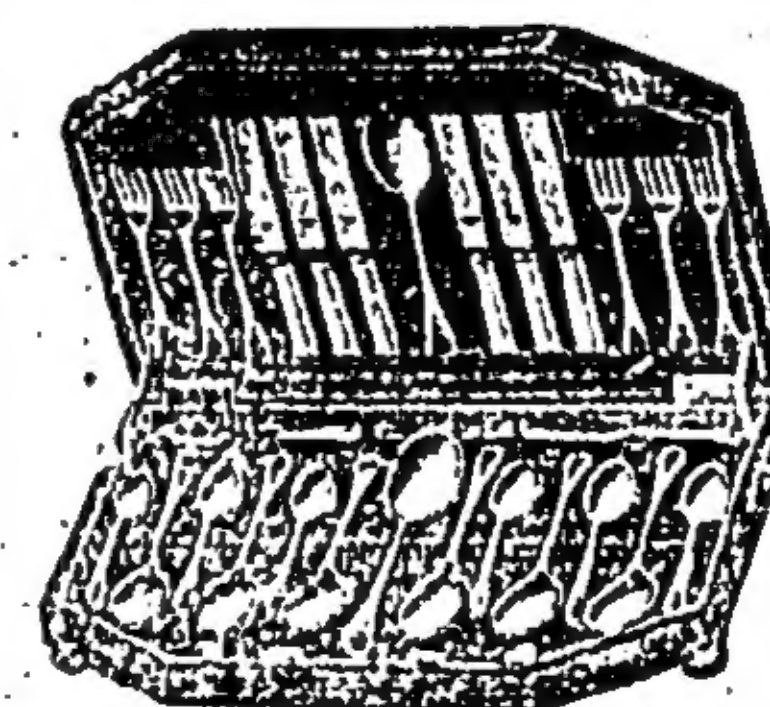
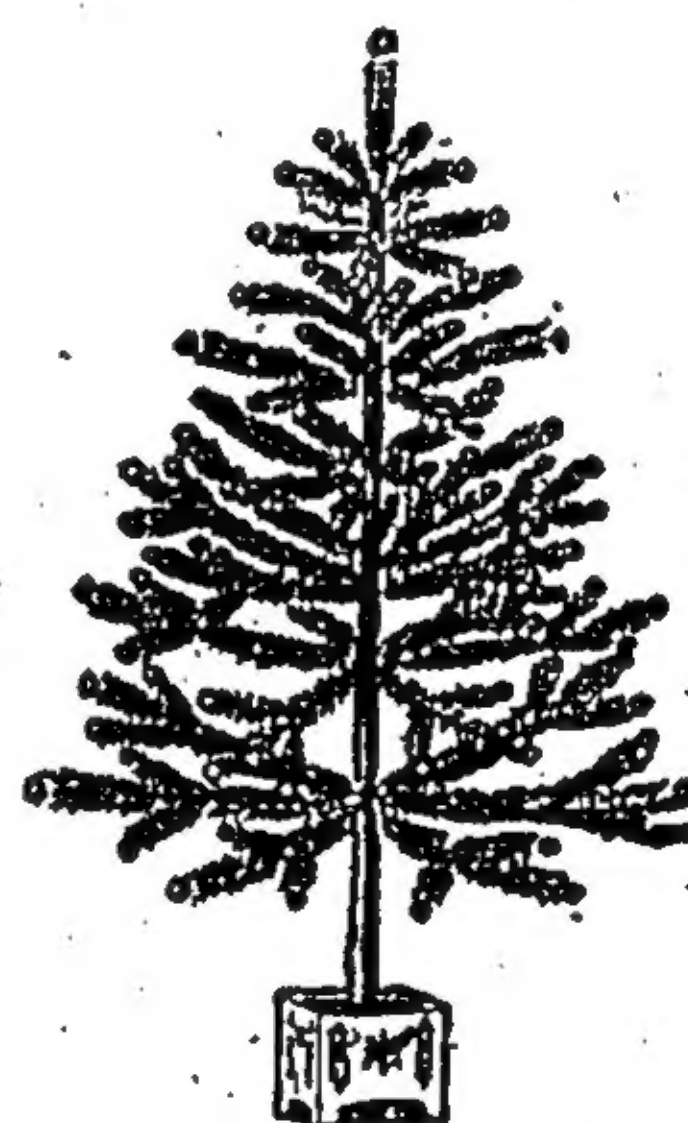
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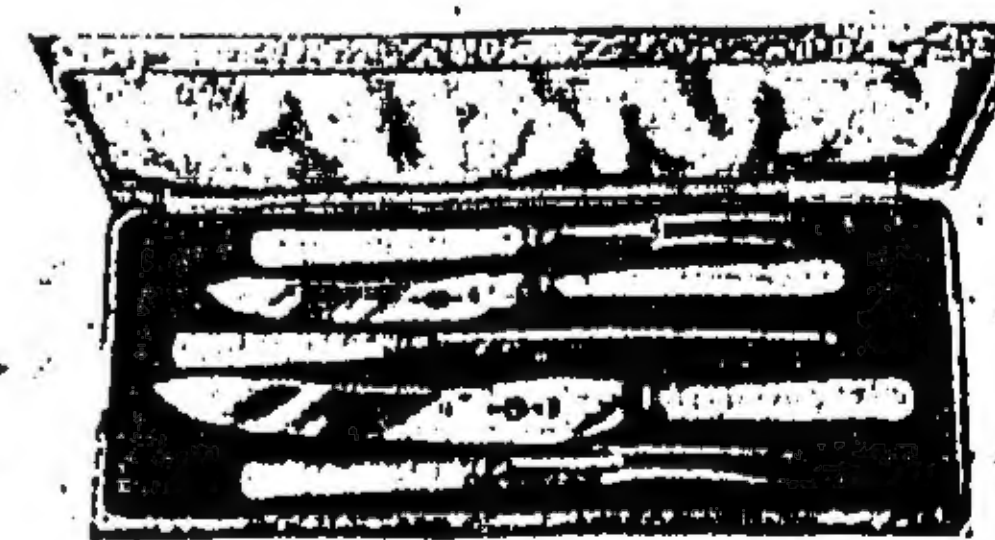
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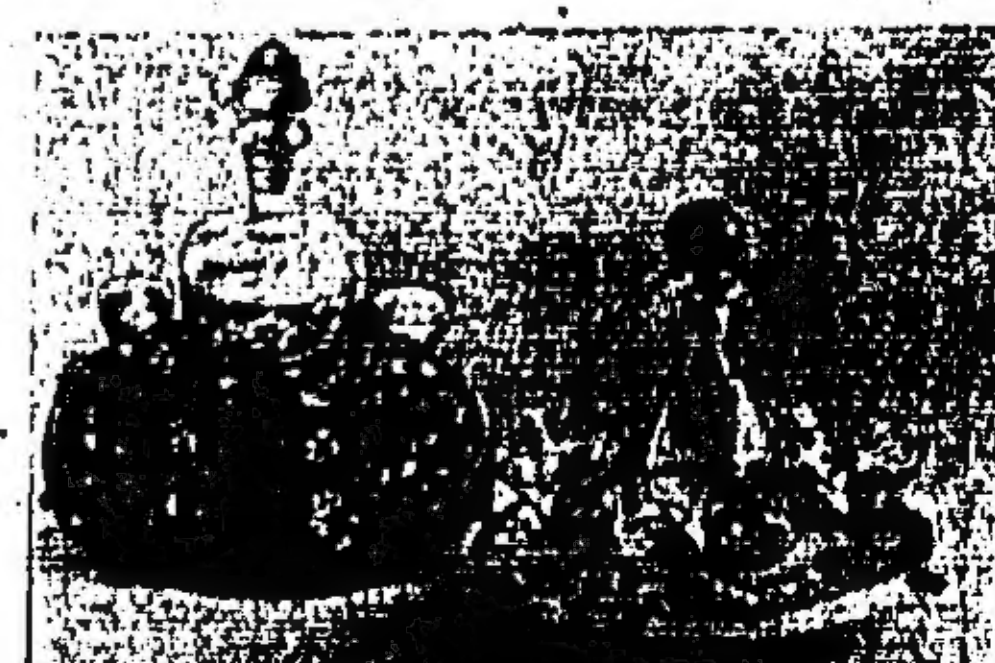
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He found that Captain W. E. Johns, creator of "Biggles," has established his airman hero as a favourite among boys. Richmal Crompton's "William" books appealed to both boys and girls, and scored 38 votes. The "Milly-Molly-Mandy" books, beloved of younger girls, came second with 34 votes.

"Biggles" got the boys' votes—15 of them. Dickens—mainly "Oliver Twist"—came fourth with 13 votes. "Robinson Crusoe," "Kidnapped" and "Treasure Island" got only one vote each. The old give place to the new!

"Time was," says Mr. Vale, "when the bulk of children's reading was confined to school stories. Now the interest has shifted to the air: air-screws, aeroplanes, pilots and crude oil are the new symbols of speed and conquest."

Now meet "Biggles." He is Major James Bigglesworth, war ace and post-war pilot, known to his fellow officers and his boy fans as "Biggles."

Captain W. E. Johns, who records his adventures in the air, is 48, keen-eyed, parts his hair in the middle, is married and lives at "Relgate." He thinks the average boy "a very fine chap," and finds boys likeable because they are "so genuine."

### SHOT DOWN IN PLANE

He likes writing for them, and knows what he is writing about. For 11 years, during the War and after, he served in the Royal Flying Corps and the R.A.F. He knows what it feels like to be shot at, hit, and to fall helpless in a plane out of control.

In September, 1918, with a dead runner behind him, he was shot down by enemy scouts from a height of 10,000 feet, captured, sentenced to death by court-martial and escaped twice.

"Biggles" was born out of all that. "In a way," declared Captain Johns, "he is myself. I was in the Yeomanry when war broke out, went to the Middle East, got dysentery and malaria in Macedonia, decided I had had enough of trench warfare, and transferred to the R.F.C. in 1916. I served in the Force till 1928."

All the writing about flying at that time was being done in America. Captain Johns found boys here reading thrilling stories about American airmen and thought they should hear a bit about British pilots and the work they did.

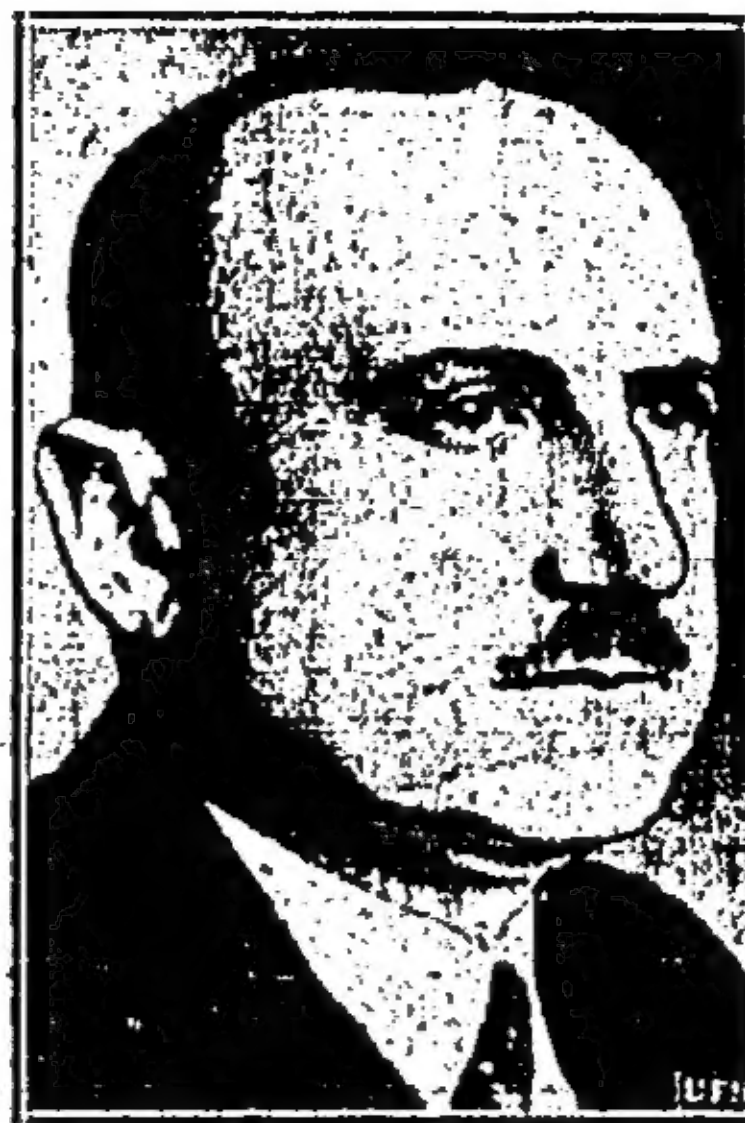
"I knew some very fine fellows during the war and got fed up when I found all the glory of aviation going to America. So I started 'Popular Flying' to tell the world about British flying."

"It has now become a technical magazine, but 'Biggles' made his bow there in a short story. He came into a serial; then the publishers wanted a book about him. That was about 12 years ago. Since then I have written 28 books about Bigglesworth and I expect I shall go on."

"I can't get away from him, though I tried twice. Besides being a well-known boys' hero, he is also a most remunerative one! I have just finished a new book about him and am taking the day off."

Boys are "speedily unconvinced" these days when authors make blunders about aeroplanes. Captain Johns thinks that is one reason for the popularity of "Biggles." Another may lie in his confession: "I've never quite grown up myself!"

The "Biggles" books have been translated into at least five languages, and Captain Johns gets letters from boys in all parts of the world, from Norway to Peru. Strangely enough, "Biggles" is enormously popular in Germany, though he is always shooting down German planes!



Under an agreement between the United States and Mexico, Gustavo P. Serrano, left, Mexican civil engineer, and Lawrence M. Lawson, irrigation engineer of El Paso, Tex., will place a value on lands in Mexico taken from American owners. Mexico has agreed to pay \$1,000,000 before May 13, 1939, and other amounts annually.

## Indian Princess Acts In New Play

PRINCESS INDIRA OF KAPURTHALA, who has broken away from Indian tradition to become an actress, sat in a dressing room in Beaufort Gardens, Knightsbridge, recently, and told why she did it.

Earlier she had acted the part of a Turkish slave girl in the new play at the Gate Theatre, "The Heart Was Not Burned."

Beautiful 23-year-old daughter of the Maharajah of Kapurthala's son and heir, she rebelled against "repeating the out-worn pattern" of life as a princess.

### FAMILY OPPOSED

"My family, especially my grandfather, who was my favourite, opposed me strongly. They urged me to marry first. Then I could have my own stage company and my own film studio without leaving India."

"I should have been happy to remain in India if my grandfather had let me help him with State work, but tradition was too much for him, and he refused."

## Family Affair

GEORGE SMITH, aged 32, and his brother Ted, aged 27, of Banbury-street, Battersea, are marrying two sisters at the Servite Church, Fulham, on Boxing Day.

The sisters are Joan and Mary Darling, of Darian-road, Fulham. Joan is 20 and Mary 18.

The "best men" will be two brothers of the brothers. The bridesmaids will be three sisters of the brothers and the only sister of the brides. Father J. O'Neill, who will marry the couples, was at school with the brides' father.

## Fell In Love At Operation

Marion Mason, senior staff nurse, was 21 when Dr. William Grissane, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, was appointed to St. James's Hospital, Balham, London, S.W.

She was on the operating theatre staff, and was on duty when Dr. Grissane performed his first operation at the hospital. His skill saved a life, and she fell in love with him.

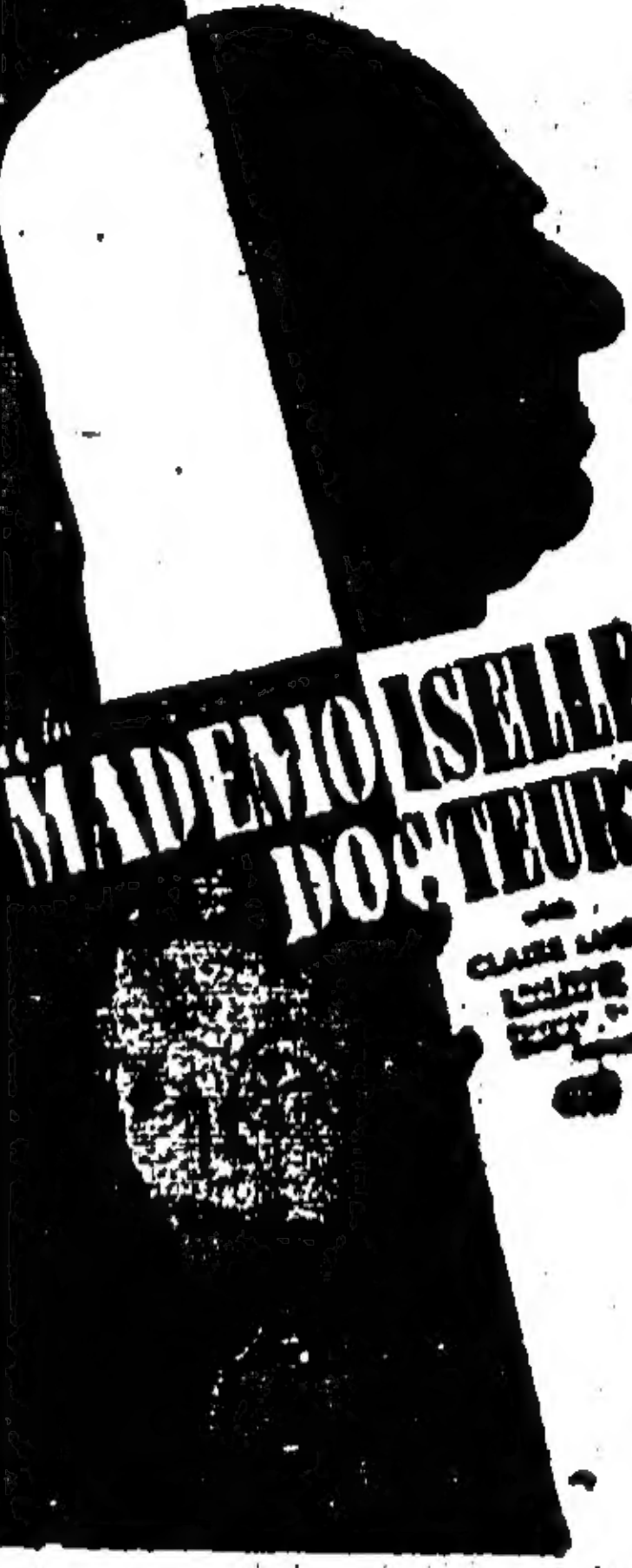
That was four years ago. Soon Miss Mason is to marry the doctor, who is 40. Her only regret is that she will no longer assist him in his work.

## Help Kidneys

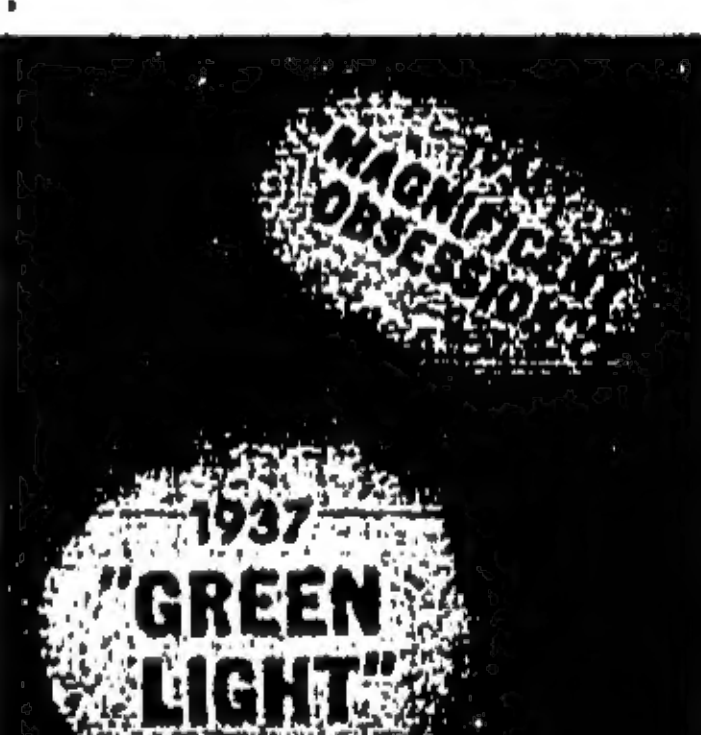
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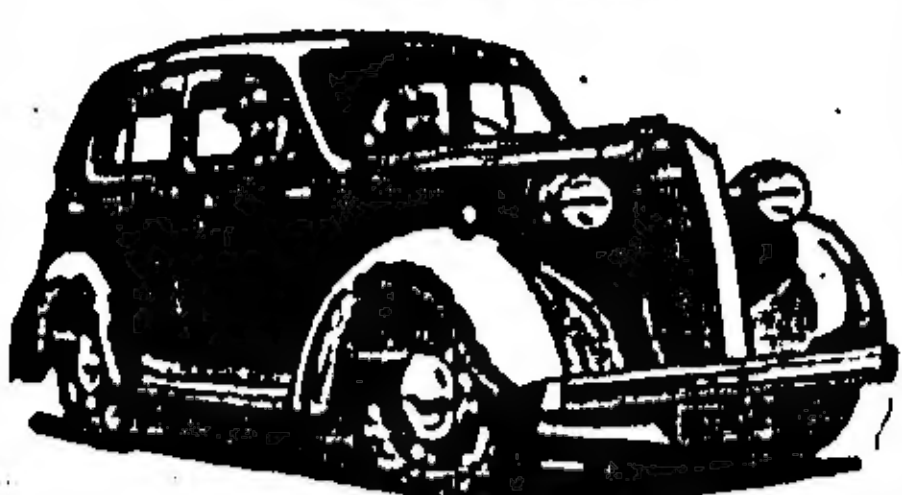
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*Non-Stop to Madness*

The whole fabric of Law and Order, upon which our Civilisation is based, is rapidly disintegrating.

That criminal result of the monstrous policy of armamentation upon which the entire world has embarked is becoming an inexorable certainty from which, soon, there can be no escape.

Every nation is wasting its substance in preparation for the calamity of another World War. The cost of armaments has reached astronomical proportions, representing a drain upon the world's resources that is staggering in its immensity.

We, as individuals, appear powerless to halt this insane folly that can have but one ending—War and the destruction of a civilisation that has taken centuries to mould.

The real tragedy of the calamity that has overtaken the world is the helplessness of the masses. As if hypnotised, we can do nothing but stand impotent, as nation after nation is seized by the maniacal jungle phobia—the law that only the fit can survive and the weak are doomed—and join in the race for survival.

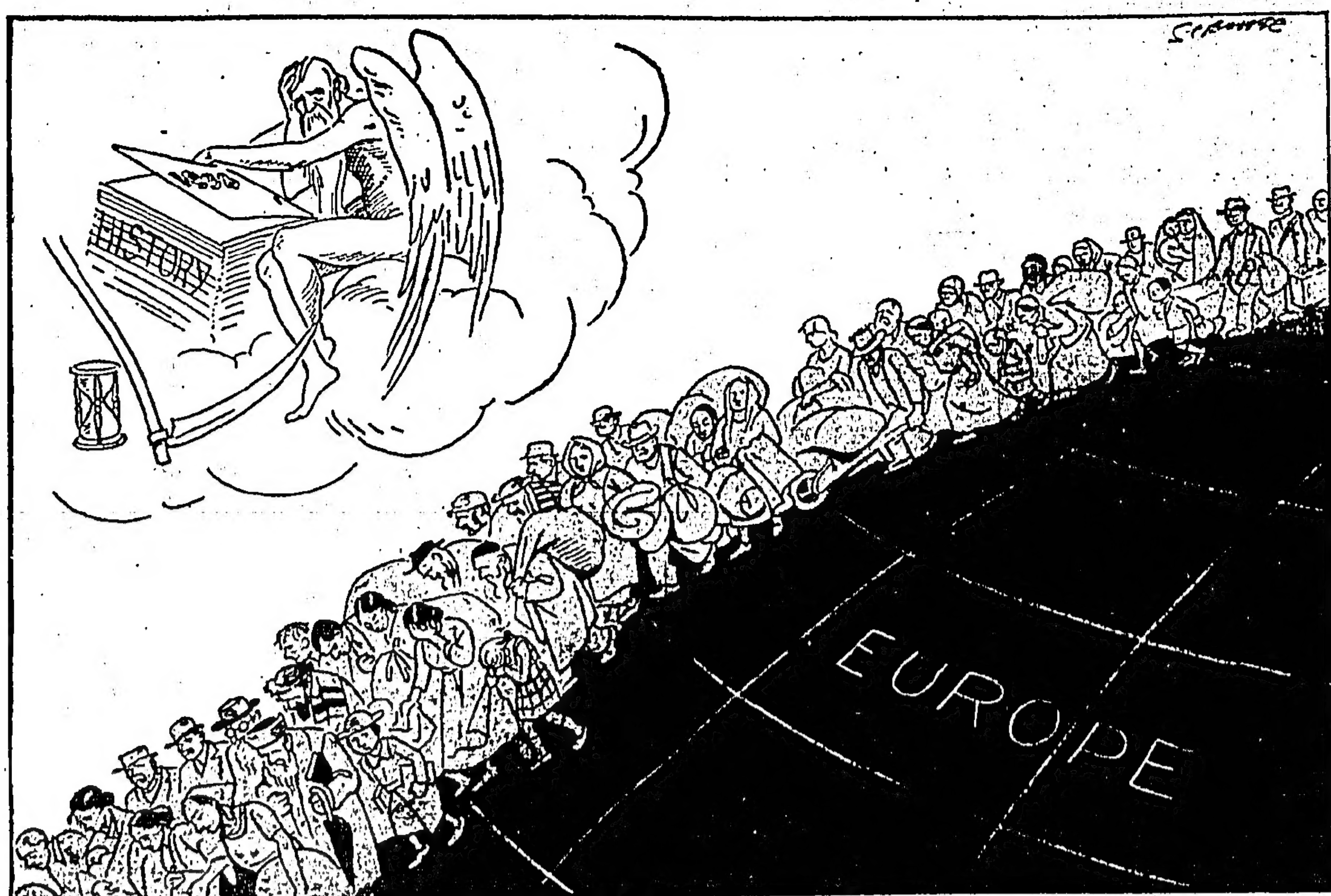
The climax, terrible to contemplate, is certain unless a wave of sanity can miraculously rid the world of its insensate fears.

To the mad rush for armaments and yet more armaments there must be an ending, for no nation can indefinitely bear the terrific financial and economic strain upon its resources. That ending is—War.

By the law of the jungle which the nations of the world have adopted, the weakest must be the first to drop from the race. That will not be the fate of Democracy, as exemplified by Great Britain and the United States, both of which are able to bear much greater amputations of wealth and resources for security than they have yet been called upon to suffer. It will be the fate of the Totalitarians, whose life-blood has already been drained away by reckless transfusions that have sought to vitalise their war machines.

The fear that clutches at the heart of man is this: will Totalitarianism, if its recklessness hurries it over the brink of the abyss, go over alone? Or will it, in obedience to the law of the jungle it has instituted, turn on its victors and, in one last despairing effort, carry them and Civilisation, too, into the depths below?

The road nations are following is the road to madness. Pray God that, before it is too late, they will find sanctuary in sanity.



FATHER TIME: "IF I WRITE THIS DOWN UNDER 1938 A.D. THEY WON'T BELIEVE IT."  
—Scribe in the London "Daily Express"

HOW DOES it all come about that Memel, this commonplace Baltic seaport, which, in spite of its 700 years of history, has dull modern buildings and provincial shops, should have such power to deepen the anxieties of a statesman?

It is a German town and it is on Lithuanian soil. It is a Lutheran town, and it is in a Roman Catholic State. It is German because it was founded by Germans and settled by Germans. It is Lithuanian because the Lithuanians grabbed it. The Teutonic Knights founded it as an outpost of Christendom in the heathen and Slavonic East. They spread the religion of Jesus with the sword.

Perhaps missionary zeal was not the only incentive of these warriors. Memel stands at the eastern end of the Amber Coast. Under the waters of the Baltic, somewhere opposite the town of Königsberg, is a sunken amber reef.

When storms trouble the waters amber, broken off this reef, is washed on to the sands between Danzig and Memel. Through long centuries this has gone on, so that amber not only can be found on the shore, but is also mined under dry land.

Of the quarter-million pounds of amber found every year in the world, 220,000 pounds come from this region. The Teutonic Knights presented themselves with a monopoly of all the amber found. Penalty for poaching—death by hanging.

Before the war Memel was a depressed German seaport. It was depressed because it was cut off from its hinterland, the Lithuanian farmlands and the forests of Poland. The Russian Empire, in which those territories were incorporated, had seaports of its own, Libau, Vindau, and Riga. They got the business which would naturally have been Memel's.

Forgotten by the world was sleepy Memel until the Treaty of Versailles took it from Germany and set up an inter-Allied Administration. Memel's destiny was to remain in suspense until the statesmen of the Allies, busy about their godlike task of reshaping a world by drawing new lines on maps in Paris, should have made up their minds what was to be done with it. This was the situation from 1919 to the month of January

The Story  
of  
**M E M E L**

Names—New Dortmund, Memelburg, Memel, Klaipeda.

Owners—Knights of the Teutonic Order, Hanseatic League, Swedes, Prussians, Lithuanians.

Present Status—Bone of contention between Adolf Hitler's Reich and Antanas Smetona's Republic of Lithuania.

Future—Only certainty which can be predicted is that of a new cause of embarrassment to distracted democracy.



Main Street, Memel.

by Alexander  
Alan Whelan

1923. A High Commissioner of the Allies, a Frenchman, ruled in the Memel prefecture. A garrison of 200 French soldiers gave reality to his government with their bayonets.

Germany was prostrate. Lithuania was in arrogant mood. She had been stung in her national pride by the seizure of Vilna, once her capital, by the Poles. The Lithuanians demanded that Memel be handed over to them. True, its people were German, but the inhabitants of the country districts round the town were Lithuanian. Besides, it was Lithuania's only possible outlet to the sea.

A conference of Ambassadors had met; proposed that Memel be given the same status as Danzig. Lithuania rejected their excellencies' suggestions. Memel must be Lithuanian!

The month of January 1923 was a time of crisis. It was one of those crowded moments when the long agony of post-war Europe crystallises in conflict and decision. Statesmen were concerned with great issues. Newspapers were electric. Destiny moved at a gallop. The French had taken the fateful decision to enter the

Ruhr. Bonar Law had taken the equally fateful decision that Britain would not march with them.

On January 11 the sky-blue columns of French infantry marched into Essen. About the same time, note two events of the highest significance. The Americans decide to withdraw their troops from Germany. A "Herr Adolf Hitler," leader of the National Socialists, "the so-called Fascists of Bavaria," addresses a huge demonstration at Munich. The crowd swears vengeance on France.

At a conference at Lausanne, Lord Curzon was patching up a peace treaty with the resurgent Turkey of Kemal Pasha. In the United States, Mr. Baldwin was talking Debt Settlement with the Americans.

In a by-election in Newcastle East the big issue was what the newspapers called "our constant problem," unemployment. On the vast and stormy horizon of this world of January 1923, where huge black clouds reared into the sky, one new cloud appeared—Memel. A small cloud, so small that the newspapers hardly noticed it.

On January 10, it was reported that Lithuanian bands were advancing on the town. They were in civilian clothes but they wore green armlets. It appeared that there were several thousands of them, perhaps as many as 8,000.

It was a raid, and in force. Kovno, capital of Lithuania, reported that the Memel population, crying, "Down with the German Free City," had, by spontaneous act, formed a Supreme Council of Defence and demanded incorporation in Lithuania.

The 200 French soldiers announced that they would resist the invaders to the last.

Ambassadors met in Paris. The British cruiser Caledon was ordered to the Baltic. A French colonel was despatched to command the garrison. An Allied protest went to Lithuania.

Meanwhile, the Lithuanian raiders came nearer. They have exchanged shots with the French. They demand the withdrawal of the French troops. Another Allied protest is sent to Lithuania.

Then, on January 16, all is over. The green-armleted raiders close in on the French garrison. There is fighting round the prefecture. It is said that the French fight valiantly, though desperately outnumbered. It is certain that they do not fight to the last. The newspapers report one Frenchman killed and three wounded before a truce is called.

The French High Commissioner makes his last and most solemn protest. And that is all. Memel is in the hands of the Lithuanians. A month later the conference of Ambassadors proposes that the town should be handed over to Lithuania provided it is given a measure of local autonomy.

The green-armlets filter back to Lithuania proper, their work done. They can feel confident that, in the words of the Lithuanian Prime Minister, a solution will be found which "corresponds with the wishes of the population."

And so it proves. In due course, the League of Nations throws the cloak of legality and respectability over the land-grabbing exploit of the Lithuanians. Memel becomes an autonomous unit with the sovereignty of Lithuania. Britain, France, and Italy are guarantors of her Constitution.

That the day will come when the world is once more busy, its statesmen distracted, its international machinery in hopeless disorder—that there may once more be raiders on the roads near Memel, with armlets, but not green armlets—swastikas this time, the raiders of Herr Hitler!—this is a conception that was far, far away from the thoughts of men in January 1923.

Not so far in December, 1938!







# Gassed War Victim cures his STOMACH TROUBLE



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How an ex-Service man found relief after years of suffering from gastric pains that the War had left him, is vividly told in his letter below. What a joy to start a new life, free from the despair and depression of those constant gnawing pains! But read what he says:

## "One teaspoonful puts me right"

Towards the end of the War I was gassed, and ever since I have suffered from digestive trouble. I had a bad attack of jaundice last year which made matters worse.

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# SEVEN BROTHERS MEET AFTER 24 YEARS Then part again for 12 months

SEVEN brothers held a farewell party in London recently at the close of their first reunion since war parted them in 1914.

After the party they went back to their jobs. They will not all meet again until Armistice Sunday next year.

The brothers, named Frenthy, were born in Winchelsea-road, Rye, Sussex. They marched in parade with their war medals and attended the armistice service at Rye parish church, where they were christened.

## THE SAME FRONT

George, the eldest, who is fifty-five, is a berthing steward. Fred is a London doctor.

Edward is a Blackpool Corporation employee. Albert is a power-station attendant. Alf is a porter. William is a dealer at Covent Garden market, and Charles is a driver in the London Fire Brigade.

Fred said: "I stayed with the Army after the war, and George was at sea. We went all over the world. We were all on the Western front during the war, but never once did all of us meet."

"Once at Ypres in 1914 I heard Bill's voice in the dark. He was swearing."

"I called out 'Hullo, Bill!' He shouted back, 'Hullo, Fred,' but we didn't see each other."

## Ban On Gretna Weddings

THE abolition of irregular marriages by declaration, the form employed at Gretna, is the aim of a bill presented in the House of Lords by Lord Strathcona, Under-Secretary for War.

Entitled the Marriage (Scotland) Bill, it gives effect to recommendations made by a committee which investigated the marriage laws of Scotland.

The report of this committee, over which Lord Morison presided, was presented to Parliament in January, 1937.

The bill provides a new form of regular marriage in the office of a registrar of births, deaths and marriages. The Registrar-General will authorise particular registrars to officiate at such marriages, for which there will be a fee of 5s.

A sheriff is empowered to issue a licence for a marriage, either religious or civil, in cases where it is not possible to secure proclamation of banns or publication of notice till after the day on which it is intended that the marriage should take place.

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Colonel Fulgenio Batista, Chief of Staff of the Cuban Army, as he arrived at Miami, Fla., for his visit as guest of General Muir Craig, American Chief of Staff. Left to right: Mrs. Perez Benrith of Miami, Senora Batista, Cuban Ambassador Martinez Fraga, Colonel Batista and Colonel Owen Parr, Batista's aide.



With the retirement on January 1 of Homer S. Cummings as United States Attorney General, observers generally agree that Robert H. Jackson, above, Solicitor General, will be his successor, although President Roosevelt has not given any such indication. Mr. Cummings retires to private life.

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Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II are shown in happy mood in the royal box at the Coliseum, London, where they attended a variety show, recently. The British monarchs are planning to leave England on May 10, on the battle cruiser Repulse, for their visit to Canada, which will include a trip to the United States.

## EX-BUTCHER BOY BROKE PROMISE TO MARRY COOK

**“He Looked Into My Eyes”: Damages £50**

A FORMER butcher boy who courted an hotel cook was ordered at Leeds Assizes recently to pay her £50 damages for failing to keep his promise to marry her.

The girl, Rose Gregory, of Guiltwaite, near Rotherham, sued Christopher William Lawson Steel, now a master butcher, of Greame House, Muston, near Filey.

Dr. E. C. Chappell, for the girl, said there were two verbal promises of marriage, one in June, 1935, a month before Steel reached 21, and another in 1937.

“Then,” said counsel, “this young man’s ardour had cooled tremendously, and he took an engagement ring which he had given the plaintiff from her by force.”

Dr. Chappell said the parties met in 1933 at Scarborough, and he added: “There passed between the two a great number of affectionate letters, many have been up of crosses. There are 24 dozen in one alone.”

Steel became a partner in a butchering business. He bought a motor-car and a racehorse.

Miss Gregory bought a motor-car for her “bottom drawer” and these were the subject of a claim for special damages.

CROSSES  
 Dr. Chappell added that under promise of marriage, there was intimacy.

The girl, a brunette, who gave her name as 24, said that at the time she met Steel in Scarborough, she was an hotel cook at an hotel.

The promise of marriage was made in Steel’s car when he was taking her for a ride.

“He looked into my eyes,” she added, “and said: ‘Darling, will you

marry me? I am old enough to place myself and I have got plenty of money saved up.”

She accepted him, remarking: “I will try and make you a good wife.”

Last year she noticed that he was more or less indifferent to her.

The defence was that the promise to marry was rescinded by mutual agreement.

Steel, in the box, said he was receiving only 50c a week from the butchery, and he had partly to support his mother and a sister.

“TURNED AWKWARD”  
 He denied making any fresh promise to marry Miss Gregory in 1937. They were friendly until the end of February last year, when Miss Gregory “turned awkward.”

He denied taking the engagement ring from her by force. He said she gave it to him in the car and got out, threatening to drown herself.

Steel denied that he had bought a racehorse. His grandfather, he said, bought a horse, but it was not a racehorse and he gave only £50 for it.

## M.P. To Live In House With Evil Influence

**“UNLUCKY”** Kelvedon Hall, near Ongar, Essex, from which nuns fled two years ago after an uncanny series of tragedies, will soon be one of the show places of England.

Mr. Henry Channon, M.P. for Southend, and his beautiful £20,000-a-year wife, Lady Honour Channon, have transformed the severe convent building into a beautiful country house, complete with swimming pool, bathrooms, and electricity.

What were once nuns’ cells and workrooms are now, beautifully decorated rooms, furnished with valuable antiques bought and collected by Mr. Channon and his wife, who is the eldest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Iveagh.

More than £20,000 has been spent on renovations, and another small fortune on furnishing the house.

The Channons defied local superstition in buying the convent.

Villagers remembered the amazing accidents which happened one after the other during the four years. Kelvedon Hall was a convent.

**“SOMETHING TERRIBLE”**  
 After the last tragedy, in October 1936, Mary D’Alton, the Sister Superior of the Roman Catholic community, said:

“We are unanimous in the feeling there is something

terrible about the place. Since the day we came we have never felt happy. The convent seems to have some evil influence over us. It is uncanny to the last degree.”

During the nine years the community was in Somerset there had been no trouble.

Then two years after taking Kelvedon Hall a little child fell in the play-ground of their school and died within a week from tetanus.

Later a workman was injured, and as the community was not insured they had to pay him 12s. 6d. a week for the rest of his life.

A few weeks afterwards a little girl who had been with the convent for nine years developed pneumonia and died within three days.

**FRIEND, FOLLOWS FRIEND**

In February 1936 a sister was drowned in the lake in the grounds. When taken from the water her hands were clasping a crucifix.

Seven months later one of her best friends was found dying on the lawn. She had fallen 30 feet from her bedroom window.

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# FOOTBALL OFFICIALS GIVE ADVICE TO REFEREES But Obstruction Rule Not Any Clearer

London, Dec. 1.

Mr. Bert Mee, of Mansfield, Notts, president of the Referees' Association, and long established whistle-while-you-work, has called on Mr. Stanley Rouse, Football Association secretary, in a bid to end confusion over the official "N.B." footnote to Law 12, Section E, writes Stanley Hosley in the Daily Mail.

This meeting between a Football League referee and one of Soccer's toughest officials is almost historic. A referee may sometimes rise from his Cinderella status and get a personal chat with an F.A. official.

But it is rare to the point of being unknown for the F.A. to unbend and go into consultation with a League referee on a major point of policy.

Under Law 12, minus the footnote, it was the custom for referees to allow a defender to protect his goalkeeper by warding off an attacker irrespective of where the ball might be.

## CONFUSION

Then came the footnote stating that Law 12 was not intended to penalise all charging; that charging was fair so long as the players concerned are playing the ball.

This immediately tipped many referees into doubt and disturbance and general confusion.

Managers took to asking referees before the match exactly how they were going to interpret Law 12, so they could let their players know and keep them out of technical trouble.

Harassed referees hung on, hoping the F.A. would do something. But still the F.A.'s answer was a stern "No reply." So the executive decided to go to headquarters themselves.

Result of the Messrs. Rouse-Mee talks was an official F.A. statement which was placed before referees and discussed at a secret meeting in London last night of League Referees, Section 4 (Southern). It ran as follows:

"We must point out that there has been no alteration to the law. The note was inserted to help referees to interpret correctly the law concerning charging. During past years defenders have developed the practice of charging on-coming forwards without attempting to play the ball in order to prevent them from obtaining possession of the ball.

"When this has happened in the penalty area many referees have over-looked the offence; yet when the same offence has been committed in midfield they have promptly penalised the offending player.

## "NO ALTERATION"

"Referees—generally—appear to have taken the view that it is the prerogative of a full-back to charge or obstruct an opponent, not in possession of the ball, in order to protect the goalkeeper, or prevent his opponent gaining possession of the ball.

"We again emphasise that there has been no alteration to the law. A referee will give satisfaction if he enforces the law with regard to charging irrespective of where such charging takes place, and should use his discretion in all cases."

## Scottish Cup Draw Announced Senior Clubs Steer Clear Of One Another

London, Dec. 10.

The following is the draw of the first round of the Scottish Cup, to be played on January 21:

Huntly	v.	Motherwell
Edinburgh C.	v.	Stranraer
Kilmarnock	v.	Berwick Rangers
Falkirk	v.	Brechin City
Clyde	v.	St. Johnstone
Leith A.	v.	Airdrie
Rathfriland	v.	Glasgow Rangers
Falkirk Ama.	v.	Elgin City
Forfar A.	v.	Hibernian
Balgownie	v.	Dumbarton
King's Park	v.	Babcock and Wilcox
Alloa	v.	Ayr United
Queen's Park	v.	St. Catharine's
Burnt Island	v.	Wanderers
St. Mirren	v.	Celtic
Bo'ness	v.	East Stirling
Dunfermline	v.	Hamilton
Dundee	v.	St. Bernard's
Dunfermline	v.	Girvan
Dundee United	v.	St. Mirren
East Fife	v.	Montrose
Cowdenbeath	v.	Arbroath
Queen's O.S.	v.	Albion R.
Aberdeen	v.	Nithsdale
Dunfermline	v.	Morton
Third Lanark	v.	Clackmannon
Hearts	v.	Penicuik

—Reuter.

## Cricket

### TRANSVAAL HELD BY TOURISTS

M.C.C. Had Worse  
Of A Draw

Johannesburg, Dec. 10.

The match between the M.C.C. tourists and Transvaal ended in a draw to-day, with honours in favour of the home side.

Transvaal declared their first innings at 428 for eight wickets (Viljoen 97, Langton 58). The tourists replied with 208, of which Leslie Ames made 109 in a magnificent innings of 155 minutes in the course of which he hit two sixes and five fours.

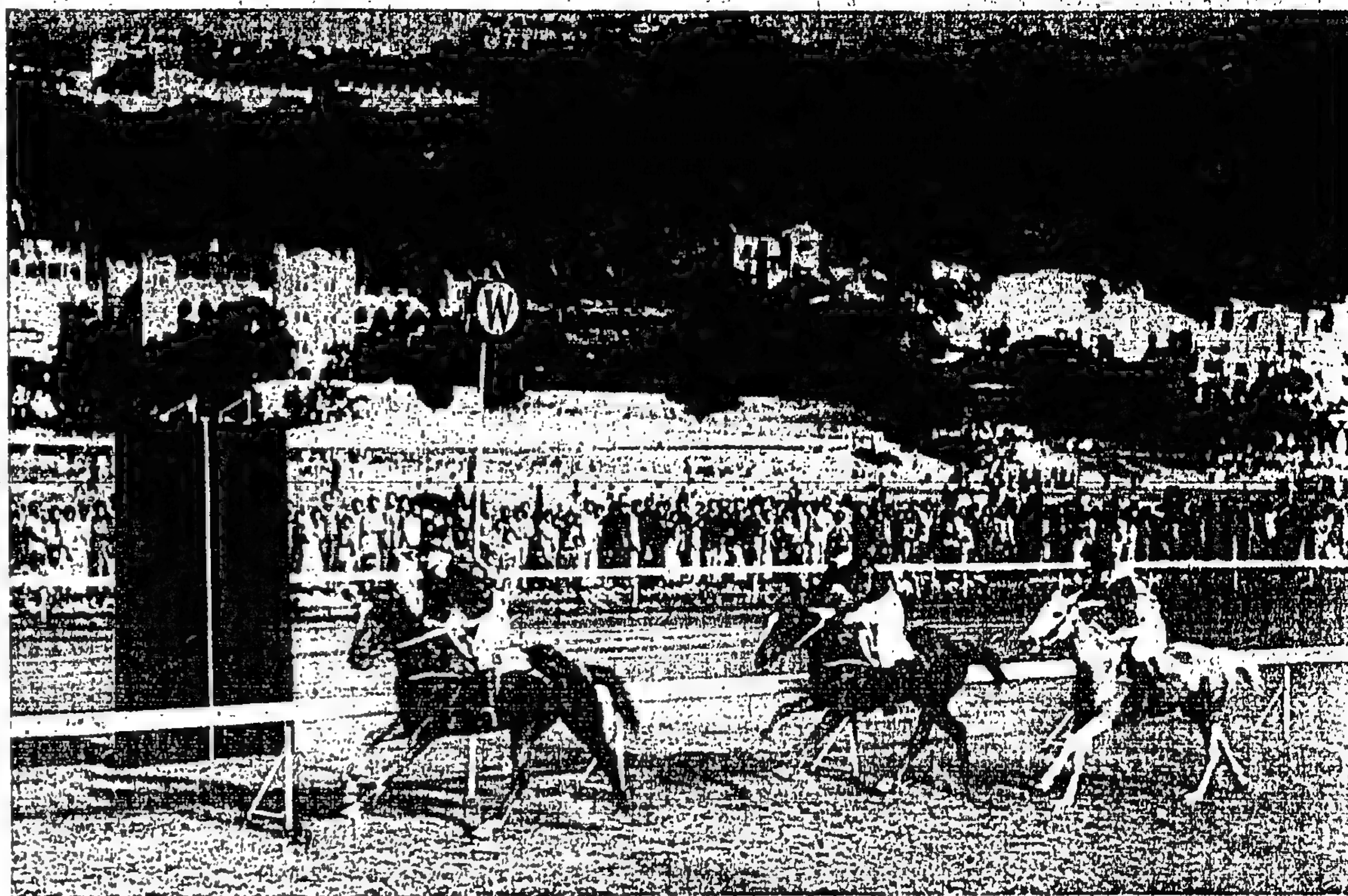
The M.C.C. tail-enders collapsed against the fast bowling of Davies, who took six wickets for 82 runs. Against the M.C.C. "tail", he took his last four wickets for only 19 runs.

Batting again, Transvaal had made 174 for two wickets when stumps were drawn. Curran was top-scorer with 51.—Reuter.

## BADMINTON TIE FOR TO-NIGHT

The match in the "A" Division Badminton League between the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and University "A" was not played last night, but will be decided this evening on the former's court.

## LUCKY LAD WINS QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONS



Picture here shows the ease with which Lucky Lad, with Mr. V. V. Needa up, won the Queensland Autumn Champions on Saturday when the last extra race-meeting of the season was held. Lucky Lad paid \$39.20 for a win. The overwhelming favourite, Courting Eve, went lame and Lancashire Chips, the second favourite, was beaten into second place.—Photo by A. V. Wong.

## Here And There With "Abe"

### Football Also Has Its Uncertainties As Well

CRICKETERS may keep on talking about uncertainties of their game, but quite often even soccerites have their turn to do the talking in this respect. The week-end programme provided two striking instances. When the South China "A" met the Royal Scots at Sookunpo in the opening match of the season, the Chinese won by 10-0, displaying an all-round superiority which made the Scots look like a third-rate team. Yet on Saturday, the South China "A", playing on their own ground at Caroline Hill, were beaten by a goal to nil by the Scots in the return encounter. Though I stated on Saturday that the Chinese would not have things their own way, I confess I did not expect that the Scots would be able to turn the tables on the Caroline Hill side so completely. Apparently, the Chinese themselves were of the same opinion as myself; for, secure in the knowledge of their superiority, they did not field their full side—and paid the penalty. Fortunately for their hopes in the championship race, the Royal Navy also failed, though it was only a partial failure. Expected to beat Kowloon, whom they had trounced earlier in the season, the sailors could do no better than draw, and therefore are still a point behind South China "A".

Colony there were many phases of the game entirely new to players in Hongkong. We had heard of the "stopper" but had never seen one here until Whittaker showed us the use of the "third back." Also it had never struck local backs that an easy way of getting out of a tight corner is to pass the ball back to the goal-keeper. The Islingtonians taught how to do it, and now this is becoming quite common in local matches. Furthermore, before the Islingtonians came, we had never seen such fine and close co-ordination between half-backs and inside-forwards. Now we begin to appreciate how attacking movements should be initiated, although very few local teams have yet been able to develop that fine understanding as displayed between the Islington Corinthians' half-backs and their forwards. But we are learning, and the time will come, no doubt, when our halves play a greater attacking part in our matches.

## Hecht Turns "Pro"

LADISLAUS Hecht, the young Czech Davis Cup player, has joined the ranks of the professionals, according to a "Trans-Ocean" cable published yesterday. He has recently joined the Donald Edge-Elk-world-famous group.



Hecht

negligible. Hecht and Roderick Menzel have been the mainstay of the Czech team for years; but Menzel, who is Sudeten German, has been reclaimed by the Reich. Now even Hecht is gone. Both Menzel and Hecht are well-known in Hongkong, having passed through two years ago. They gave a sparkling exhibition on the Hongkong C.C. courts during their short stay in the Colony.

## Mixed Doubles Title

CONGRATULATIONS to W. A. H. ("Sticks") Duff and Miss Ann Tylor on their success in the Colony Mixed Doubles tennis championship. Their victory in the final, played at the Chinese R.C. on Sunday, over the Kennedy and Miss Madge Griffiths was well-deserved, as they were the better balanced pair. While Kennedy and Miss Griffiths were very steady, it was Duff and Miss Tylor, who were the more brilliant and the more liable to pull out a winning shot. Duff, of course, has not been in Hongkong for long, but he is already a well-known figure here.

## Met Three Times Without Result In The F.A. Cup

London, Dec. 19.

Meeting to-day for the third time in the second round of the F.A. Cup, Halifax and Mansfield were still unable to arrive at a decision.

In the first match played between the two teams, at Halifax, the result was a 1-1 draw. At Mansfield last week, each side scored three goals, but although extra time was played, there was no decision.

To-day, neither side was able to score when they met at Doncaster. Extra time again failed to produce goals.—Reuter.

Some years ago, he represented Canada in the Davis Cup competition, and more recently he has been winning tennis laurels in Shanghai. Three or four years ago, he was on a visit to the Colony during the grass-court championships at the Hongkong C.C., and was induced to join the tour. He was in the tournament, when it was obvious that there was nobody in Hongkong who could approach him in singles play, he was recalled to Shanghai. Otherwise the Hongkong title would have been added to his long string of victories.

## Farr Slips Again

IF Tommy Farr beat Lou Nova, he will come home at Christmas or very shortly afterwards. Thus a recent message from England. But Farr was beaten by Nova in their bout, which took place last Friday. Is he now returning home? It will cost him £750 to fight again in England, if the award of the British Boxing Board of Control of that amount against Farr in favour of Promoter Sydney Hills stands up in law. The award was made in connection with the Farr-Schmelling match which never took place, and in consequence of the award not being paid, Farr, the Board claims, has been suspended everywhere except the place where he is doing all his fighting—New York State, where the writ of Mike Jacobs indubitably runs. Why the visit home of Farr is contingent on his beating Nova is rather puzzling. Possibly the explanation is that he is by nature a thrifty man, and defeat by this newcomer to the Jacobs circus would wipe out all chance of another contest with Joe Louis. If and when Farr comes home, however, we may expect to hear his name put forward as an opponent for the new British champion, Len Harvey. Farr would still be a big attraction if he chose to enter a British ring again, in spite of his many defeats recently. After all, he did relinquish his British title without being beaten.

## A Cue Described

FOR the first time in the 367-year history of billiards, the shape and size of a billiard cue were laid down recently. The Control Council of the Billiards Association, meeting in London, passed this law: "A billiard cue as recognised by the Billiards Association and Control Council shall be not less than three feet in length and shall show no substantial departure from the traditional and generally accepted shape and form." The reason for this law was the use by Alec Brown of a "fountain pen" cue, five inches long, in a match against Tom Newman recently. The story of the incident appears elsewhere in this issue.

## 4-Inch "Cue" Causes Snooker Scene

London, Nov. 15.

Alec Brown, playing Tom Newman in the Gold snooker tournament at Thurston's, London, yesterday, issued a practical challenge on "What is a billiards 'cue'?" by pulling a four-inch cue like a fountain-pen from his waistcoat pocket, chalking one end, and using it to make a difficult stroke.

Newman, staggered, turned to Charles Chambers, the referee, and said: "I say, he can't do that."

Brown asked: "Why not? It's a cue. It has a tip. There is no definition of a cue in the rules."

A spectator called: "What is the rule? Read us the rule."

Chambers turned up the rules and read Rule 6—"All strokes must be made with the tip of the cue."

He then penalised Brown seven points, declaring that the "fountain-pen" was not a cue within the meaning of the rules.

Brown said afterwards: "The rules do not define the size or shape of a cue."

"I have been carrying this pocket cue, which is properly tipped (and has a gold fountain-pen clip and band) for eighteen months. I have used it elsewhere without having a foul given against me."

Chambers said: "In my opinion this fountain-pen instrument is a travesty of a cue. It is against the spirit of the game."

"Why, they'll be turning up with croquet mallets next."

It is expected that a rule saying what a cue is will result from Brown's action.

## WOULD YOU CALL THIS A BILLIARD CUE?



## SEABISCUIT VOTED BEST RACE-HORSE

New York, Dec. 12.

Charles S. Howard's Seabiscuit, conqueror of War Admiral in one of the most spectacular match races in turf history, to-day was proclaimed the outstanding race horse of 1938 in a nation-wide poll of sports writers in the United States conducted by the Turf and Sports Digest of Baltimore.

The rugged five-year-old son of Hard Tack and Swing On was named champion over Samuel Ruddle's Man-O-War's four-years-old son, War Admiral, who last year just beat Seabiscuit for the season's highest turf honours.—United Press.



This picture shows how the balls were placed when Alec Brown used his "fountain pen" cue. Cue ball is tucked into pack of reds, and black—only playable colour—on top cushion.

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## FOREIGN ATHLETES CATCHING UP WITH AMERICAN STARS

### Track And Field Events Will Be More Even Now

(By Jack Cuddy, United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Nov. 20.  
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There are indications now, however, that our competition will be much stiffer at Helsinki. A compilation of the world's best track and field performances for the current year reveals that American athletes no longer dominate the list as they did in the past.

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## WEIGHT LIFTING RECORDS ARE BETTERED

The Third Weight Lifting Competition by the pupils of the Municipal College of Physical Culture was held in the College Gymnasium on Sunday, with more than a hundred pupils and friends attending.

The outstanding performance was that of Fung Shu-shit, 19 years of age and 119 lbs. body weight, who lifted 200 lbs. in the "Two Hands Clean and Jerk," 145 lbs. in the "Two Hands Dead Lift," and 360 lbs. in the "Two Hands Snatch." All the school records of the past 13 years were shattered by this athlete.

Prizes for the competitions and other outstanding performances during the year were distributed by Mrs. A. W. Woo. The following were the prize winners:

Weight Lifting, Senior—Challenge Cup, Fung Shu-shit; Francis Young; Cheung Yum.

Weight Lifting, Junior—Challenge Cup, Ip Man-wai; Liang Shu-hong; Ip Man-hin.

Pulling Championships—Fung Shu-shit; Liang Shu-hong; Ip Man-hin.

Graduates—Fung Shu-shit; Leung Chi-shing; Francis Young.

Intermediate Prizes—Cheung Yum, Lei Po-ming.

First Test Passes—Yu Ping-tung, Ho Yau-wing, Woo Yin-kwong, Ip Man-wai, Ma Kiu-shing, Ip Man-hin, Koo Yung-sham, Wen Wei-shin, Francis Reed, Wong Yan-hin, S. A. Reed, Lo Wing-tai, Liang Shu-hong, Lam Hon-yuen, Albert Dang, Harry Gubay and Chan Bing-pui. Certificates of Merit and Silver and Bronze Medals—Liang Shu-hong, Yu Ping-tung, Ho Yau-wing, Koo Yung-sham, Harry Gubay, S. A. Reed, Lo Wing-tai, Ip Man-wai, Lei Po-ming, Wen Wei-shin, Lam Hon-yuen, Woo Yin-kwong, Chan Bing-pui, Wong Man-shing, Cheung Yum, Francis Reed, Francis Young, Fung Shu-shit, Lam Yung-fai, Leung Chi-shing, Ma Kiu-yue.

The Lien Shield was won by Fung Shu-shit and Ip Man-wai.

## SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Eliminating Rounds Held At Hongkong F.C. Yesterday

The third annual physical training competition open to the local Vernacular Boys' Schools commenced at the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday, when 15 Hongkong schools took part in the eliminating rounds.

The Kowloon Schools will have their competition on the Kowloon Football Club ground to-day at 9 a.m. while the finals will take part at 11 a.m.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith will also be present.

Teams from the following schools took part this morning: Chung Wa, Tai Tung, Tuen Man, Yeuk Chi, Fruit Dealers' Guild, Confucian Society, Taung Tsin Association, Tak Ming, Fong Lam, Chi Keung, Kong Kin, Lingnam Branch, Roman Catholic Mission, Kim Sin, and the St. Louis Industrial School.

## FANLING BOGEY POOL

G. R. Rozavet (22) and P. Jackson (20), two up, tied and divided the bogey (Par) Pool competition played at Fanling over the week-end.



Commr. Kennedy and Miss Madge Griffiths congratulating the winners, W. A. H. Duff and Miss A. Tylor, at the conclusion of the Mixed Doubles tennis final at the Chinese R.C. on Saturday. Duff and Miss Tylor won by scores of 6-4, 6-3.—Photo by Jaffer.

## National Theatre Will Plan Tours

THE Shakespeare Memorial National Theatre, to be erected on the South Kensington island site opposite the Victoria and Albert Museum, will not be a Shakespeare Theatre in the ordinary meaning of the term.

This declaration is made by Mr. Geoffrey Whitworth, honorary secretary of the National Theatre Committee, in a new edition of "The Theatre of My Heart."

Mr. Whitworth writes: "Founded in the name of Shakespeare, the theatre will for the most part produce either new and original dramas or plays which, though they belong to the contemporary stage, are no longer in commission."

"At present the life of a new successful play is measured in months. The earlier comedies of Noel Coward, Somerset Maugham or Barrie are practically unknown to the younger generation of playgoers."

"And then, of course, there is the untold wealth of classical drama which is lost to the modern theatre. This vacuum will be filled by the National Theatre."

Of the Committee's wider aims the author mentions that the most successful productions will tour the chief cultural centres of Great Britain and the Empire.

## Army Tells Some Secrets

Mr. Hore-Bellisha, the War Minister, opening a "Science in the Army" exhibition at South Kensington recently, said: "It is our ambition at the War Office to increase the interest of the public in its Army."

He added: "While, for reasons of secrecy, it is not possible to display the best illustrations we could give of our interest in science and our application of its researches, we trust that enough has been shown to

## ENTRIES FOR FANLING MEETING

The December Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be held on Boxing Day, December 26. It is learned that Mr. Kwok Hin-wang has been appointed to take charge of the Cash Sweep Department, and tickets will be sold at \$1 each, and \$2 as in the past. Through tickets for the first five races are being sold at \$5.

Trains leave Kowloon at 12.12 p.m. and 1.25 p.m. and leave Fanling at 5.50 p.m. and 6.51 p.m. First Class fare is \$2, and includes admission to the Race Course. Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1. Servicemen in uniform are admitted half price.

The following are the entries and handicaps:

The Talpo Handicap—1 1/4 miles. A steeplechase—Araxy (150), Clowmer (150), Diogenes (101), Double Chance (158), Ebony Idol (155), Estover (100), Glenahoe (154), High West (145), Stymlie (152), The Hawk (145) Widnes (154).

The Jorlocks Plate—B Division. 1 1/4 miles—hurdle race—Catchweight 160 lbs.—Arabian Cat, Canary, High West, Merry Jester, Rexiana, Silver Fox, The Hawk, The Mix and Three Farthings.

The Happy Valley Handicap: 1 mile—Charybdis (108), Cricketer (143), Easy Time (160), Lancashire Chap (102), Lattat (145), Lucky Eleven (152), Five Rulers (162), Mac's Adventure (102), March Brown (150), National Dignity (140), Palmer (145), Split Hand (150), Stymlie (150) and Tabby Cat (165). A steeplechase—Brutus (100), Flummery (154), Llangollen (157), Salazar (145), Sen Uechin (152), Spark Plug (155), Spectrum (158), Streamline (100), Teviotdale (155) and Trojan (152).

The Consolation Scurry (Unofficial) Half Mile—A flat race for China ponies that have started at this meeting and not been placed first or second. Catchweight 160 lb. Placed ponies 7 lb. penalty. Post entries.

The second of its kind, a race up Taimoshan was held on Sunday, which attracted numerous entries, both men and women. The strenuous competition concluded in the following order:  
Men—Yeung Wah-sang, Leung Nei-yik, Yuen Yat-she and Mok Hoo-in.

## Cycling Club President Retires

Making his last appearance as President of the Club, H. A. G. Kentes led Sunday morning's run, which started from Hennessy Road at 9.30 a.m. Reaching Shaokwan, the party ran into misty rain, which, however, failed to dampen their spirits, and as a demonstration of this, an impromptu time trial over a course of 2 miles 5 furlongs was held on the Shekto road under English unpaired rules. In spite of the handicap of wet roads, full touring kit and small gears, the following times were returned:

1. Kam Yu-wah 8.14 10.12 m.p.h.  
2. Tang Wah-sun 9.30 16.40 m.p.h.  
3. Leung Yu-yee 9.10 16.90 m.p.h.  
4. Chan Yeung-pang 9.14 17.05 m.p.h.  
5. Robert Yuen 8.13 10.16 m.p.h.  
6. H.A.G. Kentes 7.07 22.13 m.p.h.  
These riders used ordinary machines.

Leung Yu-yee put up a fine initial effort on an ordinary machine, as his time included a stop to replace a derailed chain.

Continuing the run, Stanley turn was passed at 12.20 p.m., and by this time the rain showed signs of easing. On rapidly drying roads, the party gained Aberdeen at 12.50 p.m., collecting an additional contingent en route. A halt for refreshments detained the riders 40 minutes in the fish village, before resumption of the final section. One party concluded the run via Jubilee Road to Kennedy Town, the other climbing up to Pokfulam in order to disperse in Bonham Road at 2 p.m.

## Tourist Time Trial Awards

Certificates gained by successful riders in the Club's recent Tourist Time Trial will be presented at the Y.M.C.A. (Chinese), Bridges Street, at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20. Other Club fixtures for December include two training rides, the first leaving the Methodist Church, Hennessy Road, Wanchai, at 6 p.m. December 21 (20 miles), and the second from the Albanian Theatre, Kowloon, at 9.30 a.m. December 26 (40 miles). A New Year's Eve Club-run is scheduled to leave the above rendezvous in Wanchai at 11.30 p.m. December 31, and will conclude approximately an hour later.

The departure from the Colony of many Club members and officials, coupled with the resignation of the President, who has also finally retired from participation in competitive events and time trials, has necessitated a General Meeting in the very near future. Important changes in the Club's policy will be discussed, whilst arrangements for the Open 25 miles race to be held on February 5 of next year are also to be concluded. The retirement of Mr. H. A. G. Kentes from the racing sphere has caused little surprise amongst local Club-men as he has been able to devote little time to preparation for trials or races during the last 18 months, owing to the exacting nature of his military duties. The brief periods he is able to spare in future will be given to organisation work for the Club, and in his capacity as Adviser to the Cycling Section of the Y.M.C.A. (Chinese).

## FANCY DRESS SOCCER

A football match in which humorous incidents are expected to take place has been arranged for Christmas Day, kick-off at 4 p.m. at Caroline Hill. The players, Chinese and Europeans, will appear in fancy dress.

It is understood that the noted player, Lee Wal-tong, has agreed to turn out for the Chinese team. Expenses are being shared by the teams and the entire proceeds will be devoted to the Hongkong Chinese Athletes Emergency Corps. Prices of admission will be \$2, \$1 and 50 cents.

## MOUNTAIN RACE Novel Competition Held Up Taimoshan

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# FASHION IN FULL DRESS

By Mary Grace



LOOK through the family album or at a picture of Queen Alexandra, and you will get a good notion of the latest vogue in evening wear. The romantic frock illustrated is straight from Paris, and will help you to formulate your ideas when deciding on a new evening dress.

I have enlisted Master Cupid's help in indicating clearly all the new fashion trends for the current season, as he is often busy during dancing time and at evening parties.

Firstly, the upward sweep of the hair gives a graceful poise, especially if you have a small head, topped, you'll notice, by a tulle bow that is much more fashionable than flowers or clips.

If you have a trim waist now is the time to flaunt it, as bodices are important and must be fitting. The fullness of the skirt comes from the hips, and not from the waist as it did last spring. Then there is the added fullness in the back to give the trim Edwardian line; almost for a time it looked as if it might develop into a bustle.

Sleeves full? Yes, but cut low on the shoulder with no high puff or stiffening. A frivolous little

muff of gauged taffeta, velvet or, perhaps, entirely of flowers, but always with a zipped pocket in which to tuck away your special evening beauty aids.

In keeping with this trend, fuchsia and velvet tints lead the colour procession, followed by sapphire blue, red, and, of course, becoming black.

Pastel coloured and silver moires, slipper satins, story book frocks with yards and yards of delicately tinted brocade in the skirt, figured point de sole, chiffons and tulle all help to give the right feminine note that dominates the dance frocks of the season.

These new frocks need little jewellery, and even then it has an old-fashioned air. Gold bracelets are wide, or maybe a piece of black velvet joined by a tiny posy encircles the wrist. Look in the family trinket box and see if you can find a large gold brooch or cameo—it will suit your dance frocks. Pearls or other necklaces are three stranded, or again you can wear black velvet with a diamante clasp.

Earrings are small as not to detract from the new coiffure, and here and there I see a fan, quite small, held between mitted fingers. I like this decorative, keep-cool notion.

## YOUR DAILY FACIAL EXERCISES

THE use of make-up, since such art of changing your expression by adjuncts have ceased to be rendering your face soft and pliant, discouraged, has done much to give The muscles of your face require every woman a chance of looking every bit as much exercise as the beautiful, but there is one thing of muscles of your body, and should be paramount importance that may be exercised to prevent them becoming lacking, and at all events is too often stiff and immovable.

We are to-day showing tendencies towards imitation, and thus unavoidably becoming stereotyped in style and appearance. We should therefore cultivate facial expression so as not to lose our own individuality.

When you go to see a film in which some prominent actress is taking part you notice how well she looks in every movement. Does it occur to you that every action is carefully studied and that she portrays the character in the film as much by her expression as the spoken word? In order to be the possessor of distinction do you ever study your own expression, endeavouring to change each fleeting look to suit each mood, or are you content to wear the same fixed look whatever you may be undertaking?

### Blank Looks

For instance, if you are a business girl employed in shop or office, do you, when your chief speaks to you, answer him back with a blank look, seemingly devoid of all intelligence, or do you reveal his instructions with an expression of animated attention?

If you have not studied this all-important factor and your expression gives the impression that you are not interested, your chief will think, no doubt, that you have no intention of trying to understand and carry out his wishes, and someone else, with more expression or who knows better how to use it, may get ahead of you.

In studying your face in front of a mirror you may be unpleasantly surprised to see that your natural expression does not convey at all of good temper, and fine lines round the eyes, generally alluded to as "crow's feet," far from being a sign of age, give an expression of a genuine sense of humour to any face.

You may be feeling interest, concern, sadness, or pleasure, and yet, when you study your looks, find that your expression does not alter. This is the case when you do more mobile and expressive but will your other daily exercises give up assume infinitely more charm and a few moments to the exercising of dignity when in repose.

An Expert in Mime

## Choosing Clothes

### Should Husbands Help?

THE husband of the best-dressed best to guess what he admired in and happiest woman I know feminine wear and remember his helps to choose his wife's clothes. Ideas when she went shopping. But the wife makes no secret of the fact. Rather, she enjoys our exclamations of surprise when she goes but she worried a bit in case her remarks, of course, John goes shopping with me for hats and suits. Not that he would have said anything and evening frocks, even for dress materials and paper patterns. I would not have it otherwise!

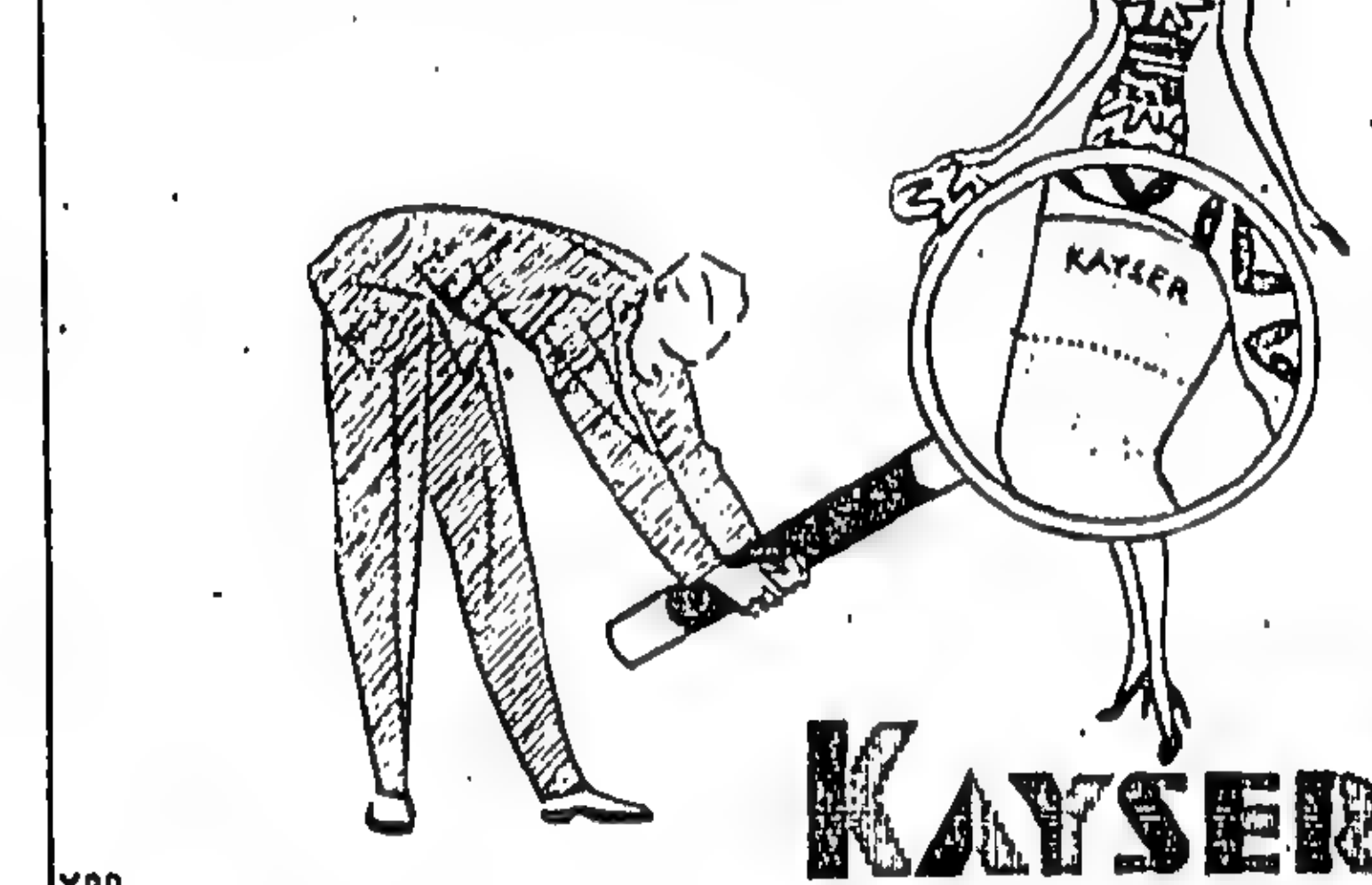
Yet John is not one of those modern artistic beings who know why not do it? Specially when his more about everything than their ideas are really sound and he has wives. His taste is good, but no not any silly masculine prejudices better than hers. His hobbies are the mainly ones of golf and gardening, too. How could she explain to him and he is not fussy about the house, that the career hat was so much He is just an ordinary companionable husband who likes to see his wife looking smart and pretty, and takes a sensible interest in what she wears.

### Unsuccessful Guess Work

At first, in the manner of all young head or the figure? Most of those husbands who



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grumble so much about their wives' department. If ever can invade dress allowance, would not say a word if they knew something about the subject. Why not let them learn?

### Atty With Preference

Sensible modern women have put aside all this stultifying pretence. I know one woman who would never have been the value please myself. Quite frankly they want to be admired by the man who matters, and they choose the clothes he will admire them in.

The highest compliment a man can pay a woman is to show interest in her appearance, especially when they have been married for a few years. Men are being sensible about shopping nowadays. No longer do they stand, looking hot and embarrassed, on the edge of a feminine

A FAMOUS playwright once wrote a play called "You Never Can Tell." The moral of it was that it is not wise to be too undecided and never to know one's mind; on the other hand it does not do to be too sure.

During the last few days I have been reminded of this by readers, who have written in to point out that Naman, the leper, was advised by his slaves to take the advice of the prophet, not by the little captive maid who waited on his wife. Although it is true that she first of all suggested the expedition to consult him.

Feeling that I knew the Bible stories practically off by heart, I did not confirm the quotation, with the result that I misquoted.

Happily, in this case, no particular harm was done, but I must confess that many a time I have been astounded at the way in which people will give information in the most positive way for which they have no warrant.

### Without Proof

They do not even say that they think this, that or the other, or that it is their opinion.

They say definitely that trains leave at such a time, that buses stop at such a place, or make statements about the actions of others, without having the slightest proof of the truth of their statements. In

Minnie Pallister warns you—

## Don't Be Too Sure

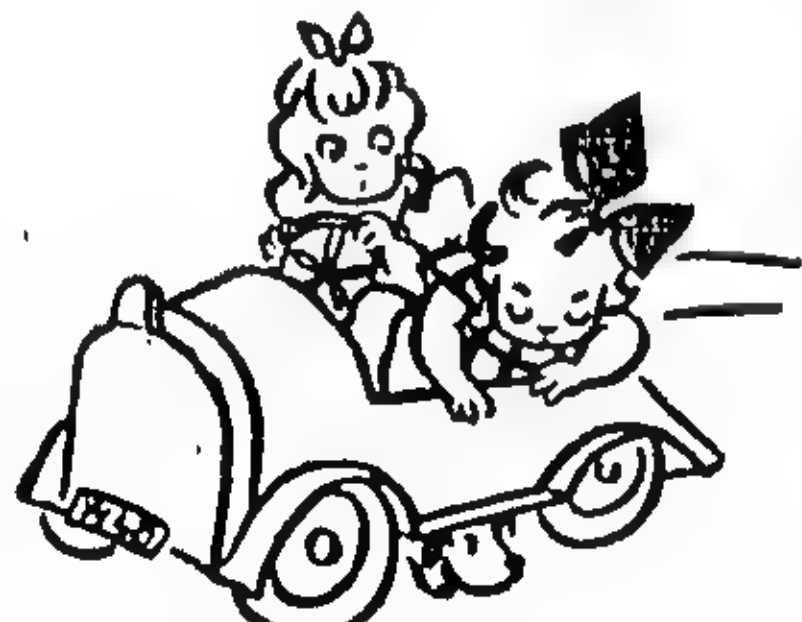
this way they may cause infinite trouble, delay, or even worse mishaps to those who take their word for it.

We often hear women say, "I could have sworn," and that means that they have been positive and found out too late that they were quite wrong.

Anyone connected with a court of law will tell us how impossible it is to get accurate accounts of the simplest accident.

Eye-witnesses who do not intend

### MIDGE: Motorist



"Change down, Judy, she's knocking!"

to be untruthful will give false accounts of what happened.

Probably out of this well-known carelessness of the average person has arisen the old saying, "Give the benefit of the doubt."

### Slight & Slander

Too often we think the worst on very slender evidence. We are so certain that so-and-so slighted us, or slandered us, or took offence, when all the time there is not a shred of real evidence to support our accusation.

"Better to be sure than sorry" is another wise old tag. Instead of "swearing" that we looked that door, turned off the water, switched off the light, put those documents away, we had better spend the time confirming it.

Before we give information which may mislead people and cause loss or damage, it is better to look up our facts or say that we don't know before being "perfectly certain" that a friend or an employee has been guilty.

Next time I catch myself saying "I'm sure," I shall remember the little captive maid and make sure.

## Helpful Hints

BEFORE spreading a sponge sandwich with jam—lightly butter each side first—and the jam will not sink in.

Before opening tins of tongue, salmon, &c., allow the tin to stand for an hour or so in cold water. This ensures a clean release of the contents.

After using a bottle of glue, dip the cork in glycerine before replacing it. You will then have no difficulty in taking it out on the next occasion.

Stitch a small piece of elastic to each side of your overall cuffs—cuff-link fashion—and you will then be able to roll up your sleeves quickly and easily.

Old pot pourri that has lost its scent can be revived by mixing brown sugar with it freely. Use the real Barbados sugar, and you'll be surprised at the result.

## Rusk Rarebit

THIS makes a welcome change from the ordinary "welsh" variety of rarebit. Dip some rusks in milk and arrange them in the dish in which they are going to be served. Cover them with a layer of grated cheese, and pour over the whole a white sauce to which a chopped hard-boiled egg has been added. Bake for ten minutes in a quick oven, after sprinkling a little grated cheese over the top. The egg can be omitted if desired.

W. B.

## Inflated Turkeys

### Deflated

Meo Pasquetti, a poultry dealer got the idea of blowing up his turkeys with a pump so as to sell them more easily. Everything went well until a turkey exploded and a piece of bone injured his assistant's eyes.

## Home Hints

WHEN filling cracks in walls, use plaster of Paris mixed, with vinegar instead of water, for then the plaster will keep moist longer, so allowing the job to be done better before it sets.

Cracks in furniture may be filled with beeswax, but if they are large, use a mixture of beeswax and fine sawdust. When dry, rub over with polish.

To remove white marks from furniture caused by hot dishes, first rub them in a circular motion with a cloth dipped in methylated spirits, and then apply olive oil, otherwise the spirits will remove all traces of polish. If necessary repeat the process next day.

Damp a soft leather with a little olive oil and rub all over, then finish off with a dry polishing cloth.

Copper ware can be cleaned with lemon dipped in salt. The article should then be washed and dried and polished with a soft cloth.











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# "SANCTIONS"—JAPAN'S PROTEST AT BRITISH AID FOR CHINA

## Anglo-American Assistance As Retaliation for Closure of Open Door in Far East

LONDON, DEC. 19. NEWSPAPERS GENERALLY GIVE CONSIDERABLE PROMINENCE TO BRITAIN'S DECISION TO EXTEND CREDITS TO CHINA. "Reuter" understands that the preliminary amount will definitely be £500,000, which will be available immediately, without waiting for the passage of the new export credit Bill. The latter will not be completed before February.

The preliminary amount is in no way expected to be the limit of the credits to be placed at China's disposal. There is no question, at the present, of a loan to support China's currency, as reported in some papers. For the moment China's favourable trade balance appears to be a sufficient support, but if the necessity arises, threatening a slump in the dollar, the possibility of China being granted straight financial help is certainly on the cards.

### JAPANESE GRIPPED BY PANIC IN CANTON

CANTON, Dec. 19. PANIC APPEARS to have gripped the small Japanese garrison in Canton. Japanese soldiers openly express the conviction that a Chinese attack is imminent. No attempt is being made to hide fears of the result of a sudden sortie by Chinese soldiers or guerrillas. The Japanese garrison is so hopelessly inadequate that many people believe its fate would be sealed the moment Chinese troops succeeded in entering the city. Tension almost reached breaking point yesterday, and unusual precautions were adopted by the garrison. These included the sandbagging of headquarters at the old, Police Headquarters and the stringing of barbed wire entanglements around the building; the installation of machine-gun posts at principal street intersections, and the entrenchment and sandbagging of streets. Throughout to-day, Japanese sentries lay prone behind sand-bag barricades, with their fingers on the triggers of rifles and machine-guns. One of the reasons for the increased vigilance and tension may lay in a terrific explosion at Fatai early this morning. The explosion was followed by intermittent rifle firing, which was audible at Shamoen. The Wongshu district has been closed to foreigners and Chinese following rifle firing from that area. Our Own Correspondent.

### SHAMEEN A 'GHOST TOWN'

#### Rents Drop as Europeans Depart

CANTON, Dec. 19. SHAMEEN, Anglo-French Concession in Canton, is becoming a "ghost town." The European population is dwindling rapidly from day to day. Every gunboat leaving for Hongkong takes more and more people, who do not return. For business in the once comparatively prosperous settlement is dead, and European firms, unable even to meet overhead costs, are rapidly transferring their staffs to Hongkong, leaving only one or two employees to carry on. As a result of the exodus, rents are dropping drastically. Rather than see their buildings go empty, landlords are almost begging tenants to occupy flats. In one instance, the rent of a flat was reduced by \$100 a month in order to induce the tenant to remain. Our Own Correspondent.

### CAN JAPAN CONSOLIDATE HER GAINS IN CHINA?

LONDON, Dec. 20. "CAN JAPAN CONSOLIDATE Her Gains In China?" is the title of an article in the "Daily Telegraph" to-day, contributed by Mr. Edwin Haward, who says that, starting with the limited intention of creating an economic bloc of North China and Manchukuo, Japan has now to achieve complete conquest. "Anything else would be tantamount to a stalemate, and virtual defeat." "So, as the struggle continues, the rights of British and other foreign traders in China are likely to be even more seriously threatened than during the past 18 months. "So far, British commerce and other friendly rivals are holding on, but the strain ever increases. "If it could be safely assumed that Japan's aims would miss the target, the ordeal would merely require steadfast sympathy, but is it possible to be so sanguine? "China is fighting strongly with her back to the wall, and desperately improvising new means of access to foreign supplies, in which connection the revival of the land route with Burma is significant, and deserving of the fullest support by British enterprise.

ROSEATE DREAMS "If Chiang Kai-shek's resistance can definitely contain the large Japanese forces, and still hold together, the roseate dreams of Japanese development companies may be compelled to sing in a minor key. "The issue turns on the ability of the Japanese invaders to consolidate the gains won in the field. "These gains have been secured with palpable disregard to the rights of third parties, and there is consequently, no obligation for such parties to study Japan's convenience; for example, Britain has every right to seek for her trade with China, every outlet available. "She can develop the Burma-Yunnan trade route, and as a friendly neutral, assert her capacity for affording financial assistance to China. "By so doing, she will give Japan the proper answer—all the more proper because it is in accord with elementary decency and international amity, which, in spite of everything, is not yet entirely abandoned by the West."—Reuter.

### Air Mail Due At 4.30

Imperial Airways planes Delta and Dardanus, hopped off from Bangkok at dawn for Hongkong with the delayed English mail. They should reach Kai Tak at 2.45 p.m. The plane Dardanus left Hongkong this morning with 410 kilos of mail and one passenger. Mr. H. C. Marrett, for London. The air mail which is scheduled to arrive on Wednesday has been delayed and will not reach Hongkong until Thursday.



"DOIN' THE LAMBETH WALK" In Hongkong

### CHINESE PLANES IN RAID ON CANTON

CANTON, Dec. 19. JAPANESE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS went into action in Canton yesterday following the greatest air raid yet staged by the Chinese air force on the former Kwangtung capital.

Unlike the Japanese air raids of the past, the Chinese units did not molest the city, concentrating on military objectives on the outskirts. The Chinese planes, which encountered no opposition from Japanese machines, remained overhead for about two hours, during which time bombs were dropped on military objectives below.

Most of the detonations seemed to be occurring at White Cloud Mountain aerodrome, and some bombs were dropped at Saichuen. Complete reticence regarding the affair is being maintained by the Japanese authorities, but reliable Chinese sources claim that several trucks loaded with wounded Japanese were witnessed proceeding along the Poon Fok Maloo, conveying the casualties to the Japanese Base Hospital at Tungshan.

### JAPANESE RAID ON RELIGIOUS CENTRE

Hoku (Shansi), Dec. 10. Four hundred civilians are dead and several hundred are wounded as a result of a sudden air raid by Japanese planes on Tungsheng yesterday. The famous religious centre was crowded with pilgrims when the raid commenced. One of the bombs fell on the Toku-miao (temple) where most of the pilgrims had sought refuge. After the bombing, Japanese pursuit planes machine-gunned the streets. Central News.

### Rain, Snow Halt War In China Interior

MILO (Hunan), Dec. 10. RAIN AND SNOW have halted the China War in the interior. Only spasmodic operations, in which guerrillas have taken the initiative, are occurring on the northern Hunan front. The guerrillas are constantly harassing the Japanese, whose mechanised units are quagmired, and whose troops have remained completely stationary since the advance on Changsha was dramatically halted six weeks ago. Approximately twenty-five Japanese naval vessels are anchored in the Yangtze River at Fochow, 90 miles north of Yoyang. Ironically enough, while Japanese troops have ceased operations ashore because of heavy rain, Japanese warships have been immobilised by the sudden winter drop in the level of the Yangtze River and Lake Tungting. The latter, which rises to thirty feet during the summer, is now nothing but 3,000 square miles of mud, through which tiny riverlets trickle to the outlet in the Yangtze. Elsewhere in China, the stalemate still continues, broken only by the operations of Chinese guerrillas. The latter have re-captured another town in Shantung, with the fall of Changkiu, north-east of the former Japanese military headquarters at Tsinan. The town was recaptured by mobile units under General Shih Yu-sun, following a bitter encounter with the Japanese garrison. After some hours the Japanese were forced to retire, abandoning considerable quantities of munitions and war materials. Central News.

### Racket Allegation Against Suicide

New York, Dec. 10. Further startling allegations were made to-day against Donald Coster, President of the McKesson, Robbins Corporation, who committed suicide a few minutes before officers entered his mansion to arrest him. Mr. McMahon, the assistant Attorney-General, who arrived from Washington to-day, described Coster as "probably the biggest illicit liquor dealer in the country, having connections with practically every big name in the nation's underworld." The Boston lawyer, Mr. Wingerky, testified that he had drafted a contract at the behest of Coster for the purchase of 200,000 Lee Enfield rifles for delivery to non-belligerent nations, but as far as he knew, the contract was never carried out. Reuter.

### BIG NAVY ADDITIONS

#### 130 Ships Constructing in France

PARIS, Dec. 19. THE FRENCH NAVAL construction programme for 1939 includes 130 units, of which some are already under construction, stated the French Minister of Marine, M. Campinchi this afternoon. These units are to include four battleships of 35,000 tons displacement, two aircraft-carriers of 18,000 tons each, three cruisers of 8,000 tons each, and numerous smaller vessels and submarines. The total tonnage will be 340,000 tons. In order to rush construction, the different factories concerned with the production of equipment are working overtime. M. Campinchi confirmed reports that the first French battleship, Richelieu, which is in the 35,000 tons class, will be launched on January 17, and he stated that on the same day another 35,000 ton battleship would be placed in the stocks. Through this programme, stated the Minister, France will give evidence of her intentions to assume a prominent place among the sea powers. Trans-Ocean.

### NO CONFIDENCE MOTION IN HOUSE

### Premier Defends Munich Policy

LONDON, Dec. 19. MOVING THE OPPOSITION motion of No Confidence in the foreign policy of the Government in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Hugh Dalton (Lab.) asked whether it was useful for Mr. Chamberlain to visit Rome, when all the evidence was clear that the understandings given by Signor Mussolini had not been kept. Mr. Dalton asked for an assurance that belligerent rights would not be given to General Franco, and accused Mr. Malcolm MacDonald of "defeatism" in his recent speech on the colonies. Mr. Dalton painted a picture of the plight of Czecho-Slovakia. (Continued on Page 4.)

### LATEST

### Smallpox Sweeps Through Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 20. The International Settlement and French Concession are at present in the grip of a serious spread of smallpox, which threatens to become an epidemic. Despite intensive precautions, and free vaccinations, 273 new cases have been reported during the past week, including 12 foreigners. Deaths during the week totalled 74 Chinese and four foreigners. Reuter.

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# TO STUDY MALAYA'S ABORIGINES

## Czech Collecting Data For Anthology Of World's Pygmies

TO gather material for another publication on the negritos in the Philippines and Malaya, Dr. Paul Schebesta, the Czechoslovakian who is one of the world's leading authorities on negritos and pygmies, passed through Singapore recently in the North German Lloyd liner Scharnhorst.

After several months study and living with the negrito tribes in the Philippines, Dr. Schebesta will return to Malaya and spend six months among the aboriginal tribes, about which he has published two books.

Dr. Schebesta has also published three volumes on the pygmies of Africa.

"I am now collecting data for my anthology on the pygmies of the world, five volumes of which are being published in Brussels. After my study in the Philippines, I will have seen all the pigmy tribes in the world," he said.

"I do not support the theory that the pygmies of Africa and negritos of Malaya belong to the same race," he said. "Neither do I support the theory that the pygmies are the oldest strain of mankind."

Dr. Schebesta said that Mr. I. H. Evans, formerly curator of the Penik Museum, Taping, had attacked his theory strongly. This attack had been replied to in a London journal recently.

When he visits Malaya, Dr. Schebesta will explore the anthropological and ethnographical culture of the aboriginal tribes. He will study blood groups by taking samples of the blood of various tribes for examination, and make masks of faces.

## INCOME TAX UP

### In France

FRENCHMEN are to pay higher income tax and more for petrol, postage, telephone calls, drinks, tobacco, and fares.

This news was given in a broadcast speech to the nation recently by M. Paul Reynaud, the Finance Minister.

The main provisions of the financial decrees include:

Revaluation of the Bank of France's gold reserves on the basis of 170 francs to the £ sterling. This does not effect exchange rates.

A tax on company reserves and increases in income tax of all classes.

Unification of Paris municipal transport system and increases in fares.

Abolishing the French national lottery from January 1, 1940.

Recalculation of 3,000,000,000 francs (about £17,000,000) through increases in the taxes on petrol, liquor, and tobacco, and increases in postal and telephone rates.

Tax burdens on certain industries are to be eased to encourage increased production.

### PREVENTING FRAUD

The maximum income tax is to be fixed at 60 per cent.

Measures will be taken to prevent Customs frauds and other measures will be taken to restrict export of capital.

A £570,000 credit to aid agriculture was also announced.

Announcing the new decree M. Reynaud said:

"The situation is exceedingly grave but if we want it we can emerge victorious."

"We have 40,000 unemployed more than last year, while big commercial companies have lost 40 per cent. of their capital since last year."

"We now need 25,000,000,000 francs (£140,350,425) for national defence."

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## B. M. A. DEMAND TO HOSPITALS

HOSPITALS receiving regular incomes from workers' contributory schemes should pay 20 per cent. of the income to the honorary medical and surgical staffs. This is the British Medical Association.

"Municipal and voluntary hospitals enter to an increasing extent for the same classes of the community," an official of the B.M.A. said.

"Medical and surgical staffs of municipal hospitals are paid. In voluntary hospitals they are not."

"In the old days voluntary hospitals existed to care for the sick poor. The medical profession gladly gave its services free and is still willing to do so, but where people are paying for their keep in hospital it is difficult to argue that the doctor alone should be expected to give his services free."

### DOCTOR'S VIEWPOINT

"If a patient can pay at all it is only fair that some part of the money should go to the medical staff."

"One must also look at it from the doctor's point of view. If a specialist can get salaried work from a municipal hospital, then a young doctor with nothing behind him tends to go for the municipal appointment every time. That is not good for the voluntary hospitals."

"Doctors, to-day, feel that it is a different thing giving their services free to the sick poor from attending 80 per cent. of the population for nothing."

Mr. R. Lancaster (general secretary of the Doncaster Infirmary) declared that about one fifth of the hospitals in the country had agreed to the demand, though, perhaps, to a

## 400 PRIESTS GO TO THEATRE

By special permission of Cardinal Hinsley, more than 400 priests attended a special matinee of "The Sign of the Cross" at the Duke of York's Theatre recently.

Few of them had been to a theatre since their ordination. The Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church does not permit priests in this country to go to the theatre or opera, but they may attend cinemas.

## MAY NOT MARRY ON 5s. A WEEK

An 18-year-old under-gardener who said he earned £1 2s. 6d. a week when in work but at present received only 5s. from a paper round was refused permission by the Sutton (Surrey) magistrates recently to marry his sweetheart of 16.

The would-be bridegroom, George Charles Parker, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Parker, of Dunelm Road, Burslem Heath, opposed the marriage, admitted that he had no money, but said he was hoping shortly to get a job.

He left his home last June after disagreement with his father, and lodged with the parents of his girl, Florence Rose Smith, Chapel Way, Burslem.

Her parents had given them a suite of furniture, the girl had bought her wedding-dress, and the wedding was fixed for Christmas.

### "LIKE A SHY GIRL"

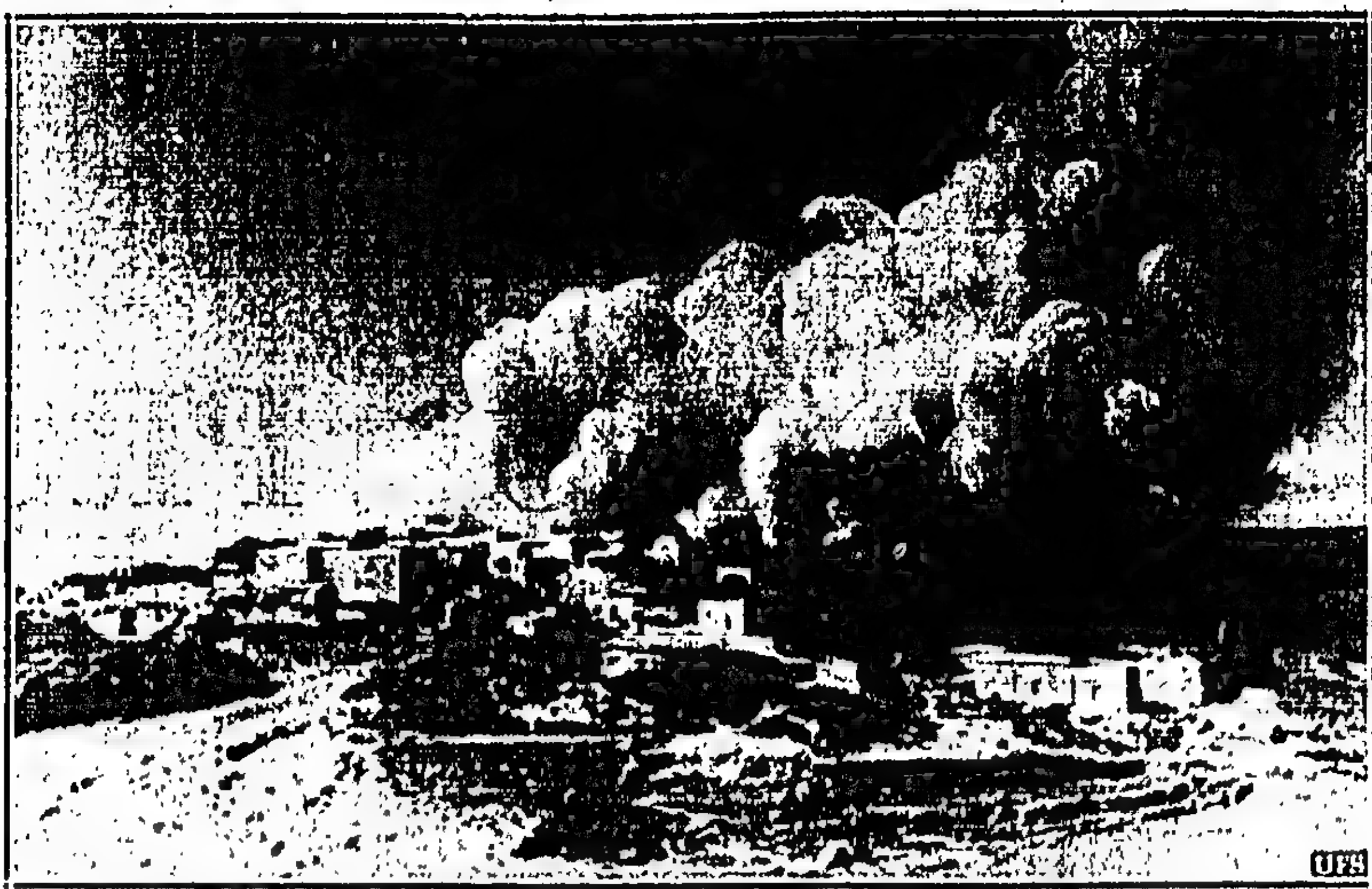
"You are like a shy girl. One wonders which is the man of the two," commented Mr. G. E. Baker, a magistrate, when Parker had to be prompted by the girl to reply to questions.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith, parents of the girl, said they were willing to let the couple live with them.

Mr. Smith added that his wife was married at 17, and he was married when only a youngster and he had never regretted it. His daughter was earning 17s. 6d. a week.

Mr. E. M. Gibson (Clerk) to the girl: "Don't you think it ridiculous that you and this boy should take on marriage on 5s. a week?"—No, sir, I don't.

"When the prospects are brighter I do not think any Bench would refuse you," the chairman (Mr. Horace Sharp) told the couple as they left the court.



Sections of the Arab village of M'ar, located in the hills of North Palestine, set afire by British troops as punishment against the villagers for aiding rebels. Many such villages in North Palestine are strongholds for the rebels, who snipe at troops and traffic on the roads. British are trying to drive them out of their strongholds.

## EMPIRE NEWS

### DEFENCE PLANS IN AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY.

Mr. J. A. Lyons, the Federal Prime Minister, in the course of his first official reply to the many Press criticisms alleging that Australia's defences are completely inadequate, admitted that unprovoked aggression against Australia was not impossible. Australia must immediately be made more prepared.

Referring to the Navy, Mr. Lyons said he could not discuss future plans, but every effort would be made to provide the numbers and types of warships which the experts advised. He claimed that the Australian Air Force's Hawker Demons and Avro Ansons were capable of dealing with any sea-borne aircraft likely to be used against Australia.

He revealed that millions had been spent on coastal defences in accordance with the Committee of Imperial Defence's advice. The Army had the equipment to mobilise seven divisions of anti-aircraft guns. The manufacture of Bren guns would begin shortly at Melbourne. He appealed for a united effort by all classes in preparation for any emergency.

Opening the militia voluntary enlistment campaign to-day, Mr. Lyons appealed for 70,000 recruits.

Building of Bombers.—The Federal Cabinet is considering an agreement which has been concluded between Councillor T. S. Nettieford, of the Melbourne City Council, and Dr. Donald Douglas, of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, for the manufacture in Australia of Douglas and Northrop bombers. Mr. Nettieford states that factory could be erected in Sydney, Melbourne or Hobart, and that it could be ready for production in about a year.

### CANADA

### PARTY LEADER IN BY-ELECTION

MONTREAL.

Dr. Robert Manion, the Conservative leader, is seeking a seat in the House of Representatives at the by-election in London, Ontario.

To ensure Dr. Manion's return Mr. McKenzie King, the Liberal Prime Minister, has announced a party candidate from the contest, but there will be a stiff fight with the Socialist candidate, Mr. E. O. Hall.

Three-cornered fights are in prospect at Brandon, Manitoba, and Waterloo, South Ontario, where other Federal by-elections are being held. The result will go far to indicate the feeling of Canadians over a widespread area towards the Mackenzie King Administration.

### DOCKERS' STRIKE OVER

WELLINGTON.

The dockers' strike at Auckland, which was holding up Christmas mails and cargoes, has been temporarily settled. The men are returning to work on terms suggested by the Prime Minister, Mr. M. J. Savage, although many are reported to be against going back.

Mr. Savage, in a statement on the strike, declared: "Some means must be evolved of settling these disputes without holding up both external and internal trade."

"The whole economic life of the country is being strangled while arguments are taking place between the companies and the dockers. The waterfront trouble is not the way to balance overseas trade, but the way to crush the people."

### "Black Book" Best Seller

PRAGUE.

One of the publishing successes of this season is the "Black Book" of Prague's tailors which contains the addresses of 8,070 customers who have refused to pay for their clothes. It has now run into its 11th edition.



Timber yards are the favourite aim of terrorists in Palestine, since timber is imported and therefore very expensive. Here is a timber yard set ablaze in Haifa, near Jerusalem. Fire brigades in Palestine are primitively equipped and vastly inadequate. Once a yard has been fired, its complete destruction is practically certain.

## Hungry, Parted With Baby

Two young parents sat in a bare whitewashed cottage here recently and mourned the baby son they cannot call their own. They are so poor that they could not afford to keep him. They have had to allow another family to adopt him.

Six-foot Henry Mulcock and his blind wife ate their usual dinner of mashed swedes and turnips and told the pitiful story of how they have lost their son.

"The people who have legally adopted Raymond came and took him away," said Mr. Mulcock. "He's four years old now, and needs good food to make him grow. But we can't afford any..."

LIVING ON TURNIPS

Mr. Mulcock has been out of work for two years.

His wife took up the story:

"Our meals are one deary round of vegetables. We can rarely afford meat, my husband used to weigh 16 stones. Now his body and muscles are wasted..."

She picked up a snapshot of her husband as he was soon after their marriage.

It was the picture of a massive man, heavily-muscled. Mr. Mulcock held out his thin arms, then silently returned to his meal of swedes.

### Prison For Assaulting Her Son Of 3

Remanded for a medical examination, Mrs. Florence Noakes was at Cambridge recently sent to prison for six months for assaulting her three-year-old son.

Mrs. Noakes lives at Council Houses, Fulbourn Road, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge.

The presiding magistrate (Alderman W. L. Briggs) said the Bench felt that there had been cruelty to the child.

"There has been a difference of treatment between one child and another," he added.

"We have had you medically examined and we are told that your

## AMERICAN WOMAN'S ESCAPE

### Incident In Tientsin's Danger Zone

Tientsin.

When passing the bridge bordering the racecourse in Chinese territory recently Mrs. J. K. Caldwell, wife of the United States Consul-General, narrowly escaped being hit by a bullet, apparently fired by someone hidden in the tall reeds nearby. She heard the shot and saw the bullet strike the water.

An unprecedented series of attacks, allegedly by bandits, has occurred here since an order was issued forbidding Chinese and Japanese to attend the races.

The outrages include the murder of a Russian dairy proprietor, the holding-up of a prominent Belgian family at their residence and the maltreatment and robbing of a hospital matron.

All the attacks occurred in the racecourse area, the insecurity of which is being brought to the attention of consuls.

### Watermelon Yields Dime

North Platte, Neb.

When Mary Neal of Tyron, Neb., sliced a watermelon picked from her backyard little did she suspect that she would be rewarded for the incident. Mary found a ten-cent coin dated 1925 in the heart of the melon.

mental condition is not such that you would not know what you are doing.

THE BEST THING

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At the previous hearing it was stated by Dr. Archibald Hanton that he found the child covered with bruises.

Inspector Mander, of the N.S.P.C.C., stated on that occasion that Mrs. Noakes had another child, a younger one, which was all right.

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- F160—Lookie, Lookie, Here Comes Cookie. F.T. My Heart is an Open Book. F.T.
- F157—Algernon Whiffenpoop. F.T. When It's Thursday Night. F.T.
- F170—You're the Top. S.F.T. I Get A Kick out of You. F.T. HARRY ROY'S ORCH.
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# TWO WOMEN IN BOAT CAUGHT BY GALE

New York's World Fair

## Saved By Beach Crowd

TWO 80-year-old women shared, with a large number of boat-anglers, off Deal recently, the alarming experience of being caught in a sudden gale which threatened disaster.

They were competing in the Deal and Walmer Angling Association festival when the storm burst.

Hurriedly, the anglers started for the shore, but the situation became so menacing to the smaller boats that the larger craft took them in tow.

Large crowds on the beach anxiously watched their passage through the heavy seas and driving rain.

At times the boats were lost to sight in the trough of the rollers.

### UNDAUNTED

As each boat neared the shore men on the beach rushed in to the water to grasp the ropes that were thrown to them and they had ready helpers to haul boats and anglers clear of the surf.

The women of 80 were quite undaunted. One recalled a worse experience in the Bay of Biscay 60 years ago, and the other said: "It was all right until it rained."

### SAVED BY LIFEBOAT

Another rescue of anglers was effected by Gorleston lifeboat.

Two motor-boats, containing 12 men, were found drifting helplessly in the gale. Three of the men had to be taken on to the lifeboat and the two boats were towed to Great Yarmouth Harbour.

Two fishing vessels were victims of the storm.

The Lowestoft steam-drifter Peaceful Star had her stem and bows damaged in a collision with the 200-ton motor ship Camberux III, in Stamford Channel, but was able to reach harbour unaided.

The Milford trawler Cheriton (275 tons) ran ashore at Holm Bay, Ronsay. Stromness lifeboat went to her assistance, but was not required as a rescuing boat was already alongside.

### RATS FLOODED OUT

Driven from their sewer homes by flood water, a number of rats appeared in Maldman Street, Stepney. Men armed with sticks and shovels killed scores of them, while screaming women locked themselves in their houses.

In the excitement someone dialled 999 and a police wireless car raced

### Dreams Leads To Fall

Lockport, Lt. Roy W. Brenus, 200-pound oilfield worker, had a pretty bad dream, but he can't remember what it was about. He does know that when he awoke he was falling from the second story of his boarding house. He suffered bruises.

## Man, Eats 120 Oysters

Sydney, N. S. W. T. W. Rattigan, 71, ate 120 dozen oysters at one sitting at a luncheon held in connection with the eleventh annual Oyster Growers' conference here. His performance is acclaimed as the best weight-for-age feat seen at the conference for many years.

to the scene, going its way through the traffic.

"Some of the rats were almost as large as cats," Mr. V. Jackson, of Burdett Road, Bay, told the News Chronicle, "but the men soon killed them off. By the time the police arrived there were between 60 and 70 dead rats in the road."

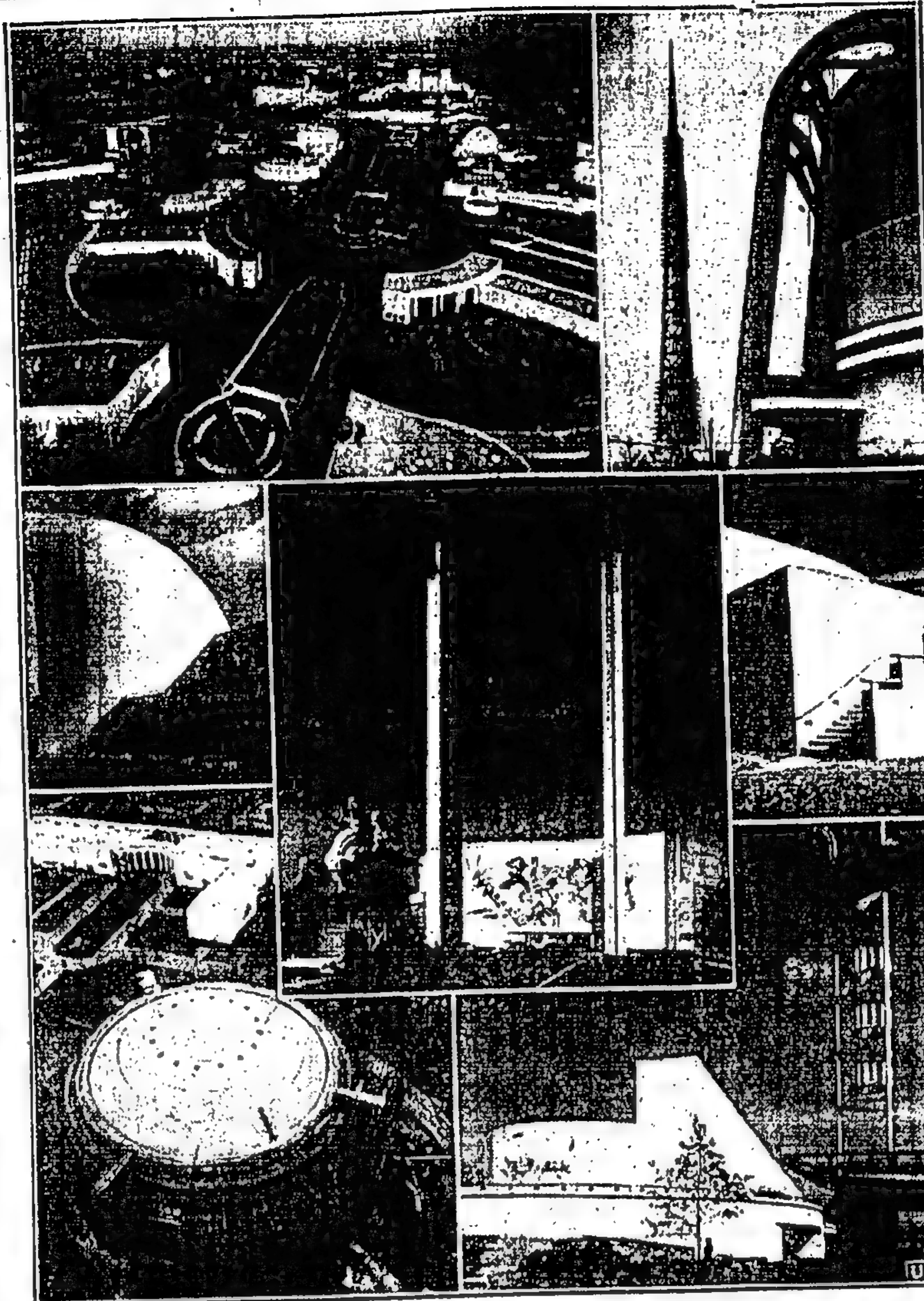
### WHIRLWIND HITS STREET

At Burton-on-Trent a whirlwind struck Blackpool and Street, and damaged several houses, sending chimneys pots crashing through roofs. Damage was concentrated to a stretch of about 100 yards, and residents half a mile away felt nothing of the whirlwind.

A rapidly deepening storm centre sweeping in from the Atlantic brought the heavy rain which lashed the greater part of Southern England yesterday. Channel steamers reported bad crossings.

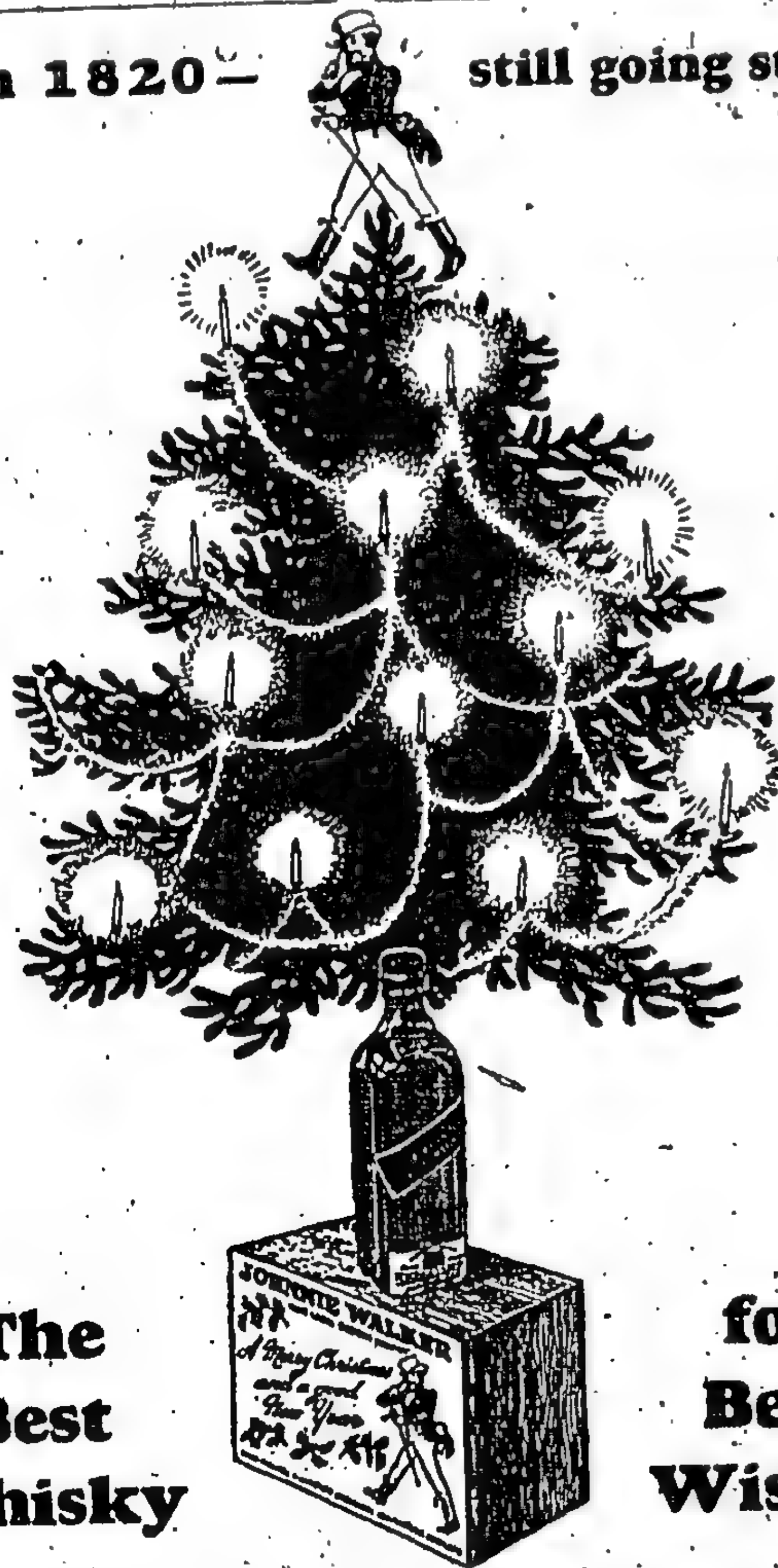
At Swinage 1.3in. fell and 1.25in. was recorded in the Isle of Wight. The extreme South-West had 1.22 in.

In some places there were sleet and snow showers. Unsettled weather seems likely to last for some days.



Here is how the camera views curves and angles of the New York World's Fair. Upper left, general view looking down from the trylon on Constitution Mall, toward the Federal building. Fore-ground, Washington Square; centre, Lagoon of Nations. Upper right, Electrical Appliance building, trylon at left. Left centre, Marine building. Centre, Communications building. Right centre, stair-trylon at left. Lower left, periscope under construction, looking down from trylon; Business Systems building at upper left. Lower right, Textiles building, left, and Information Booth. Textiles building is located on Petticoat Lane.

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## Sea Monster Stoned By Fisherman

Deal. A monster basking shark was seen by three Deal boatmen (Harry Bailey, George Budd and George Baker) when on the beach recently.

It was swimming rapidly parallel with the shore and only a few yards out. Bailey and Baker ran to the pier for a better view and Budd to the water's edge.

"From the pier," Bailey said, "we saw the huge fish moving quickly and quietly towards us, until Budd hit it twice with stones."

"Throwing its huge tail in the air, it lashed the water and dived between the pier piles. The next we saw of it was a hundred yards or so seaward, where it lay floating with a big fin about three feet out of the water."

### BLOW WITH OAR

"A Deal motor-boat, the Galatea, with E. May and J. Brown on board was passing the pier head after a night's herring fishing. Drifting slowly down until they were alongside the fish, May struck it with an oar. Spray flew in all directions as, once more throwing its tail in the air, the creature made off like a torpedo and disappeared."

Here let May take up the story. "As we drifted alongside," he said, "what we saw, whatever else it was, was a monster. There was about three tons of it. "It was a lot bigger than the boat we were in, which is 17ft. long. It was quite 20ft. long if it wasn't more. "I made a mighty swipe at it with an oar, but I might just as well have hit it with a feather, for all that the monster did was to fling its great tail into the air and make off. All that we got was a good soaking from the flying spray."

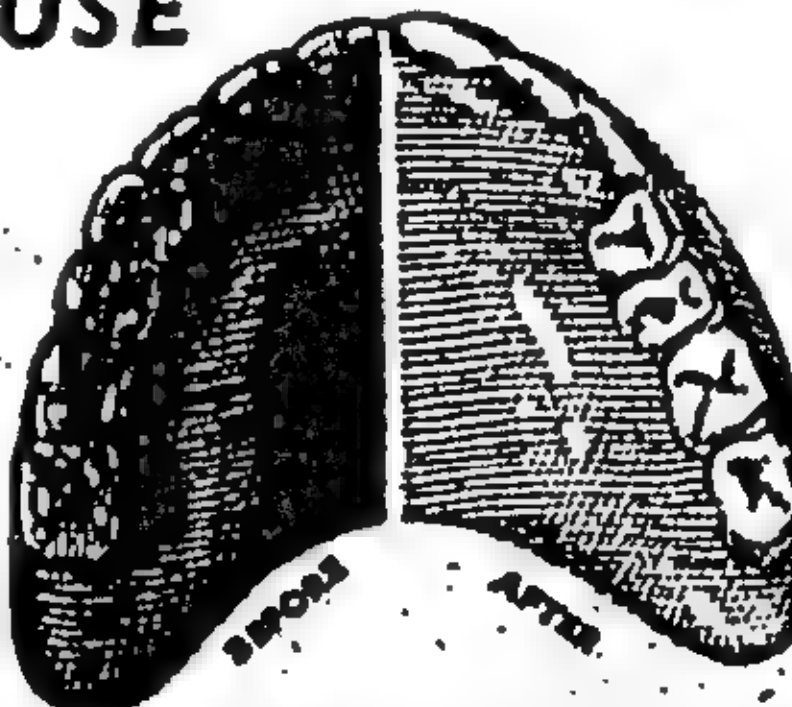
LOOKED LIKE TREE TRUNK Anglers fishing from the beach a mile from here say that they saw what they at first thought was a large tree trunk drifting past only a yard or two from their lines. Shining a torch on it they could see that it was a monster fish.

So quiet was it and in such shallow water that they thought it had been struck by a steamer and was dead, but when they threw lumps of chalk at it it became very much alive and disappeared in the darkness.

To Hospital Over A Fly

Las Vegas, Nev. C. F. Athons was shaving with a straight edge razor when a pestiferous fly gave him an unusually annoying nip on his other arm. He took a swipe at it with the hand which held the razor, missed the fly and was rushed to a hospital.

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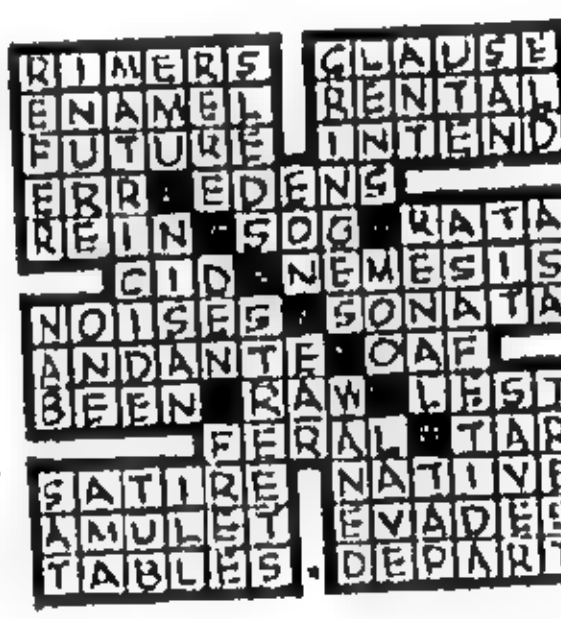
## Crossword Puzzle

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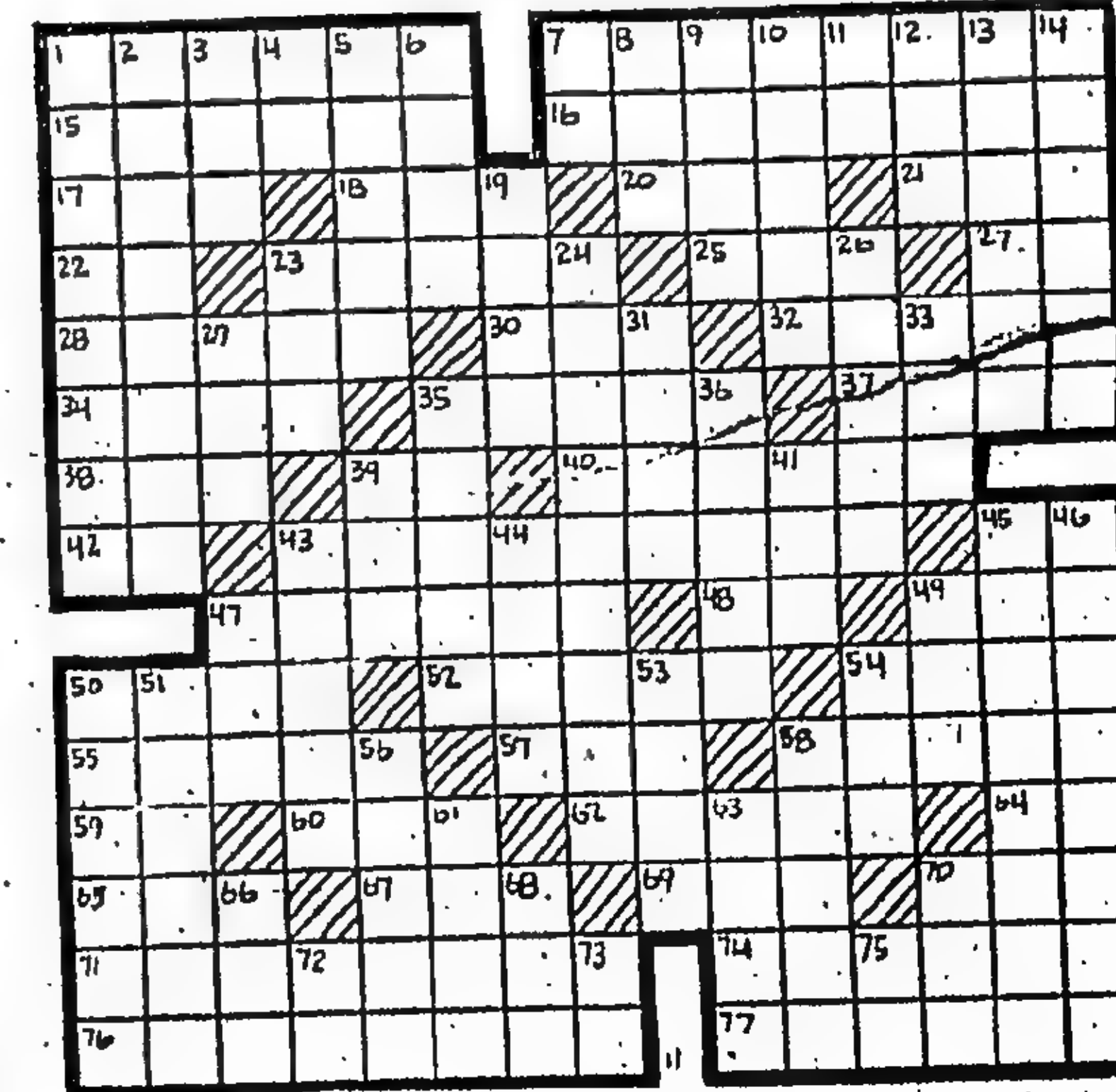
- 1—Moving forward
- 2—Type of umbrella (10)
- 10—One who enters small sounds
- 16—Decorated composition
- 17—Year of life
- 18—Feline animal
- 20—Toward rear of ship
- 21—Large Australian bird
- 22—Unit of scale
- 23—Very much larger
- 24—Extreme end
- 25—Work as
- 26—Artificial gas
- 27—Lower time
- 28—Social class
- 29—Oriental country
- 30—Moderately warm
- 31—Opposite of milk
- 32—Exclamation
- 33—State vandy
- 42—Puffs into
- 43—Pressed into thin sheets
- 45—The supposition that
- 46—Not apparent
- 47—Adjective ending denoting material
- 48—Fixed period of sunspot
- 49—Steam sailing vessel
- 50—Not on feet
- 51—English word
- 52—That which is above
- 53—Unit
- 54—Relating to district of ancient Greece
- 55—Three in Italy
- 56—Distrustful
- 57—Tangible proof of statement

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



### DOWN

- 3—Public officer (abbr.)
- 4—Brazilian bird
- 5—Framing structure
- 6—Saver God of houses
- 7—The fact below thus
- 8—Flow metal
- 9—Boundaries
- 11—Dip into liquid
- 12—Combining form
- 13—Beamed edge
- 14—Characterized by confusion
- 15—Crew man
- 16—Turn to left
- 17—River in New
- 18—Mexico
- 19—Grass surface-soil
- 20—Large volumes
- 21—Blackened time
- 22—Itinerary
- 23—Twice five
- 24—Embroidered piece
- 25—Within
- 26—Exotic specialty
- 27—One who hunts with speciality bird, new
- 28—Part of mouth
- 29—Auditory organ
- 30—Excellent
- 31—Hatched point
- 32—Gaseous element
- 33—Inevitable period
- 34—Unit
- 35—Kern
- 36—Cardinal compound
- 37—Siberian of Kurdist
- 38—Any form fluid
- 39—Dilemma
- 40—Drinking vessel
- 41—Man's nickname
- 42—Man's nickname
- 43—Eastern state (abbr.)



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## 'SANCTIONS'-JAPAN'S PROTEST AT BRITISH AID FOR CHINA

(Continued from Page 1.)

touch on all aspects of the Far Eastern situation.

The increasing anxiety in Parliament for the future of British interests in the Far East is illustrated by the fact that no fewer than 20 questions are being asked to-day, all on China. An impression, however, is widely visible, that Japanese prospects in China are in no way comfortable.

## REGARDED AS SANCTIONS

The contemplated difficulties from Great Britain and the United States to China, coming on the heels of the recent representations by the three Powers regarding the question of the Yangtze navigation, are tantamount to indirect demonstrations of possible economic sanctions against Japan, the "Asahi Weekly" declares in an editorial to-day.

The journal points out that the recent representations against the Yangtze navigation provided diplomatic circles with a topic as to possible materialisation of the proposed economic assistance to China by third Powers.

Considering the measures as political gestures, reacting to the manifestation of Japan's determination to build up a new order in East Asia, the journal declares that the important significance of Japan's diplomacy will be displayed in tidings over the pressure brought to bear upon her by the Powers.

Faced by the momentous situation, the journal understands, however, that Japan's diplomatic policy for East Asia will undergo no change.

It is admitted that the international developments in East Asia will hereafter become all the more delicate and significant.

In so far as the current Sino-Japanese conflict is concerned, it seems to be an important diplomatic policy of the British Government to act in concert with the United States Government, the journal says. Simultaneous announcement by the two Powers of contemplated credits to China may have been actuated to exert a joint strain on Japan and they may possibly be able to bolster up the economic position of the Chiang Kai-shek administration.

The journal asserts that the British and American assistance to the Chiang Kai-shek regime taking the shape of credits may be regarded as a retaliatory measure against Japan in connection with the question of the Open Door and Equal Opportunity in China's trading markets.

## "GAME WITH THE GOLDEN BULLETS"

Berlin, Dec. 19. The "game with the golden bullets" is the "National Zeitung's" heading of a message regarding the British Government's intention to grant China credit loans.

All the papers display great interest in this report, and are publishing long extracts from the speculation on the London Sunday papers.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" says it will be very important for the progress of the war whether these loans are only an isolated measure, or represent the beginning of more extensive aid for China. In any event, Tokyo will watch the negotiations with great attention. If the loan goes further, and the Anglo-Saxons

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

NOEL BRAGA,

Secretary.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS will be closed from Friday, 25th November, 1938, to Wednesday, 21st December, 1938, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 8th November, 1938.

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take over the financing of Chiang Kai-shek, and supply him with war material, then the Japanese Government will find itself presented with a new situation.

Supporters of the strategy of wearing down the enemy will lose ground, and to them also that method of war. Then the time for heavy military blows must come again, and a new advance westward to Hunan and Chungking must be started.

## CHINA SPENDS PART OF BRITISH CREDIT

London, Dec. 19. It is understood that the bulk, if not the whole of the £500,000 credit for China will be used for the purchase of motor lorries, intended mainly for use on the Burma-Yunnan road, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

An order for these lorries has already been placed.

Meanwhile the closest attention is being paid in London to the situation at Tientsin, where the Japanese are controlling the movement of Chinese into and out of the foreign concessions.

The Japanese action appears to be prompted by the uneasiness of the position created in their rear by Chinese guerrilla forces.

There is reason to believe that the attitude adopted by the Japanese has caused annoyance, not only to Britain and France, but to Germany and Italy.—Reuter.

## PREMIER DEFENDS MUNICH POLICY

(Continued from Page 1.)

and declared that the Munich agreement had unsettled all Europe.

Replying, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the picture was of the terrible plight of Czechoslovakia, but he had not said what he would have done if he had been in Mr. Chamberlain's place at Munich.

The Premier said that the Opposition policy as an alternative to Munich would have involved war simultaneously with Japan, Germany and Italy, and perhaps with General Franco as well.

## GIVE POLICY A CHANCE

The Prime Minister said he thought it would have been wise, if Mr. Dalton had no policy of his own, at least to try and give a chance of success to the Government's policy. If the Government's policy failed, he (Mr. Chamberlain) would be the first to agree that something else should be put in its place.

It was a source of continued satisfaction to know of the efforts to keep all of the dominions fully informed as to the foreign situation.

## ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS

Referring to Anglo-French relations, Mr. Chamberlain observed that these remained of a most cordial character, and he recalled Mr. George Bonnet's declaration that all the forces of France would spontaneously and immediately be used for the defence of Britain in the event of unprovoked aggression. Such declarations said the Premier, were really more significant than actual treaties, because it was the intention, rather than the form of the words, that counted when the occasion arises.

## SUFFERINGS OF CHINA

Turning to the Far East, Mr. Chamberlain said that the sufferings inflicted on the Chinese population far exceeded in scale the Spanish tragedy, and the opportunities for alleviation were much less.

"Our own long-established interests in China have inevitably suffered serious material loss during this conflict," added Mr. Chamberlain.

"In the face of the forces which have been loosed simultaneously in the Far East and Europe you cannot expect this Government, or any other Government, to secure satisfaction for any claim as it arises under such abnormal conditions.

"All you can expect is that everything which it is possible to be done, shall be done, and that no claim and no interests shall be overlooked.

"I want to assure the House that that is being done, and we are defending our rights, and that we are not prepared to deny either combatants normal relations which they are entitled to expect from friendly Powers."

## LOANS TO CHINA

Referring to the loans from the United States, Mr. Chamberlain said: "I understand this loan is a credit, designed to facilitate United States exports to China.

"In principle, His Majesty's Government would be very glad if it found it possible to facilitate certain United Kingdom exports to China in the same way.

"That is a question which will be sympathetically considered when the Exports Guarantee Bill has been passed.

"In the meantime, we can only await the outcome of the hostilities in the Far East, while watching closely for any opportunity which might enable us to assist in bringing it to an end upon fair and reasonable terms.—Reuter.

## VIRULENT ATTACK BY LLOYD GEORGE

London, Dec. 19. Mr. David Lloyd George, who nowadays participates in the debates less than formerly, intervened tonight in the House of Commons attack on Mr. Chamberlain, and declared that the Premier's complacency was shared by nobody outside of Parliament.

He declared that the level of the glib-edged securities showed the genuine opinion of the Premier's friends in the city regarding the Munich agreement. Notwithstanding Mr. Chamberlain's four visits to the Continent, the clouds had darkened, and were more lowering.

There was anxiety about Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Rome. People thought he was no match for the astute, crafty, ruthless and unscrupulous dictators—and he was not.

Accusing the Premier of being obstinate and stubborn, Mr. Lloyd George declared that he (Mr. Chamberlain) had said that nothing he had done during the last 18 months, he wished to be undone. Nobody could say that unless he was very complacent.

"You cannot send a man with an obsession to Rome to meet Mussolini. The Premier seems to have the idea that he can get through by shouting 'pax vobiscum'."

Winding up the day's debate for the Opposition, Mr. A. V. Alexander concluded a critical speech with a special plea for China.

The position in the Far East, he said, was worsening weekly. The Government had not even the guts to adopt its own Geneva resolution.

They heard little about the individual application of sanctions against Japan, or help for China, although in China 30,000,000 were rendered homeless, and there had been 1,500,000 casualties in 18 months.

He referred to the American loan, and said that they looked to the Government to do something equally potent. Ever since the Lethal Road mission there had been much confidence shown in Britain by the

Chinese because of the stabilized currency which had resulted. Mr. Alexander pointed out that Americans purchased from the Chinese a large part of the silver reserve, while Japan was doing everything to undermine the existing currency.

"If China is to have a decent chance to win through, her currency needs support. The American decision should be taken as a lead to us for further concerted action and for Eastern collaboration with America, which, it is possible, may lead to developing a long-standing friendship with America in the future.—Reuter.

## LIBERAL LEADER'S CRITICISM

London, Dec. 19. The Liberal Party leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, expressed gratitude for one or two assurances in Mr. Chamberlain's very important speech, but he disagreed, with the Premier that the only alternative to the Munich agreement was war.

On the contrary, it was abandonment of the League policy which brought us to the verge of war, and he feared that if this policy persisted, it would be very difficult to avoid war in the future.

Sir Archibald Sinclair thought that the country ought to be given more information about the subjects which were to be discussed in Rome.

Regarding the Far East, Sir Archibald found it difficult to reconcile the Premier's statement and policy with the League resolution to which Britain was a party.

The Premier had fired the powder magazine which had blown Czechoslovakia to pieces, and it has not finished exploding yet.

The Munich conferees, said Sir Archibald, would not last so long as the Versailles frontiers. There seems to be no reason to doubt that Herr Hitler means to move to Memel in the north, and to the Ukraine in the south.—Reuter.

## GOVERNMENT'S REPLY

London, Dec. 19. In his winding-up speech on the debate, Sir John Simon answered Mr. Lloyd George, who had suggested that the early failure of the British policy lay in not being prepared to join the United States in resisting Japan.

Sir John Simon cited the previous controversy on this issue, including the implication that had not supported Mr. Stimson's desire to invoke the Nine-Power Treaty when Japan seized Manchuria.

"There is not the slightest syllable of truth in that suggestion," said Sir John Simon, adding: "I myself brought the proposal concerning this before the appropriate body at Geneva. It was adopted, and the United States thanked us, and expressed gratification taken at the League Assembly.

In the course of the debate, Sir Arnold Wilson advocated a substantial reduction in the Suez Canal dues. For the past three years, he said, dividends had averaged 50 per cent, which was a lot for a public utility company. The Egyptian Government, to whom the Canal reverts in 20 years, and who came prominently into the picture, should take steps to put the Suez Canal on the same basis as the Panama Canal. Although the Panama Canal cost three times as much to run, the dues for use of the Panama Canal are 10 to 15 per cent, lower than the Suez dues.

He urged that a solemn appeal should be made to the Egyptian Government to consider its international position as trustees of the highway between Europe and Asia, adding that dues could be reduced by nearly half, and still between six and eight per cent, could be paid on capital.—Reuter.

## GOVT. SUPPORTERS SHOW ANXIETY

The reaction of Government backbenchers to Mr. Chamberlain's speech is generally favourable. At the same time anxiety remains that the Government should speedily press re-armament.

It has been an open secret for some time that a section of the Government supporters not identified with the Churchill group, has not been satisfied that everything possible was being done for the co-ordination of defence for which Sir Thomas Inskip is responsible.

It is learned that one evening last week, Mr. R. S. Hudson, and the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava made personal, private representations to the Prime Minister that all was not well, and that their opinion was shared by a representative body of backbenchers. There was no attempt to resign.

It is understood that the Prime Minister's reception of them was friendly and that the visit achieved the purpose intended.

The occurrence led to rumours that demands had been made for the resignation of certain Ministers, but no such demands were made.

There is, however, a possibility of Government changes during the Christmas recess. The departure of Sir Thomas Inskip for the Lord Chancellorship has been frequently forecast.—Reuter.

## GERMAN APPROVAL

Berlin, Dec. 19. Mr. Chamberlain's speech has met with appreciative approval in German political circles. They say, however, that they cannot understand why Germany is so often characterised as the black sheep of Europe.

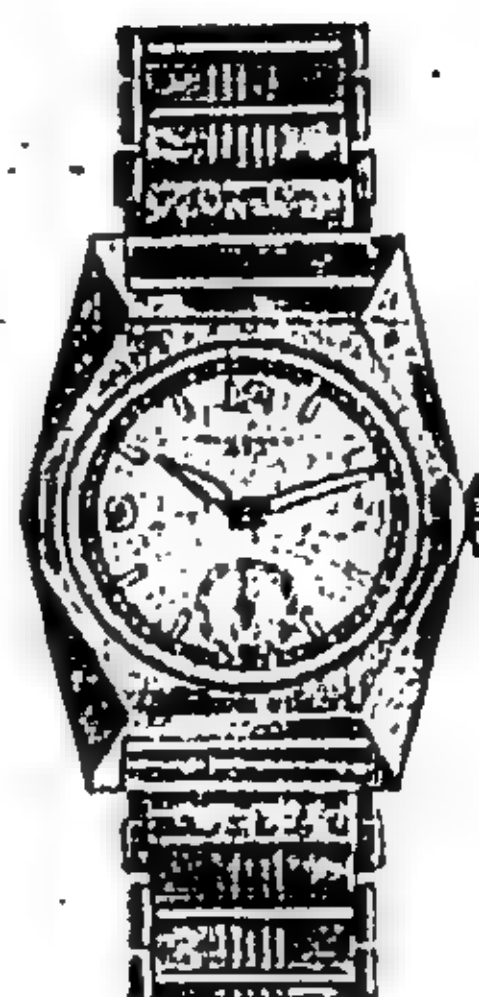
A spokesman declared that Germany is willing to co-operate with all States willing to work for peace, and added: "We are not struck by Mr. Chamberlain's speech. We like peace as much as he does."

A Rome message says that Mr. Chamberlain's speech has made a good impression in political circles. Italians note with satisfaction that the attempts to discredit and prevent Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Rome were unsuccessful. Mr. Chamberlain's statement that he does not expect to bring back any specific agreement caused no surprise as the forthcoming talks are regarded chiefly as a full and frank exchange of views.—Reuter.

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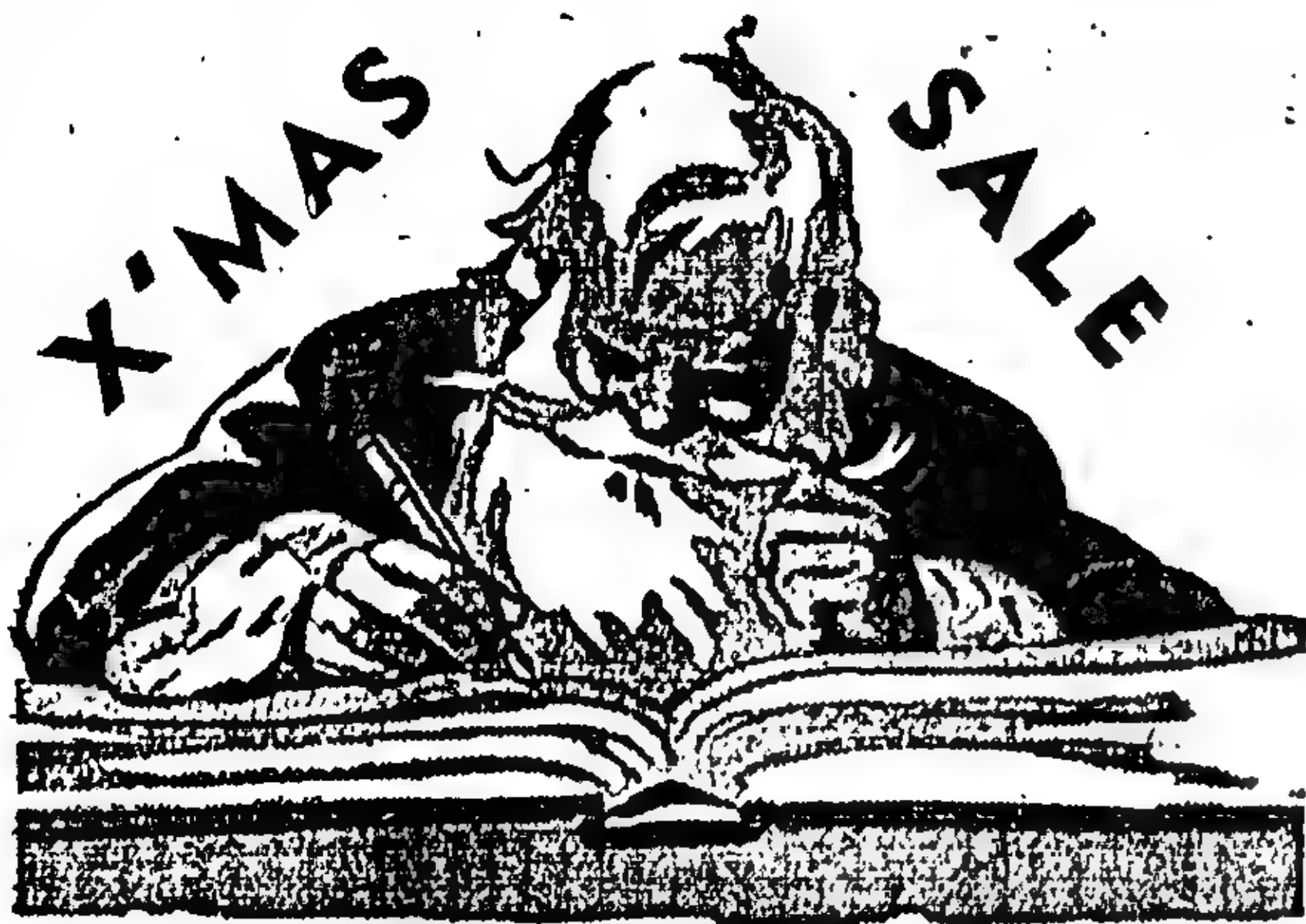
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From	Per	Due.
Amoy	Cremer	December 20.
Shanghai	Glennep	December 20.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways"		
"Direct Service"—London date	Imperial	
11th December.	Airways Plane	December 20.
Japan and Shanghai	Xion	December 20.
Japan	Jeyapore	December 20.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kingyuan	December 20.
Manila	Pel Ping	December 20.
Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	December 20.
Japan	Sulsang	December 20.
Haiphong, Fook and Hoihow	Yochow	December 20.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Parcels etc.) London date, 24th November and London—Parcels—London date, 17th November.	Carthage	December 21.
Manila	Empress of Russia	December 21.
Shanghai	Bellerophon	December 22.
Straits	Boissavain	December 22.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways"		
"Direct Service"—London date, 15th December.	Imperial	
Manila	Airways Plane	December 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 20th November).	Phonius	December 22.
Japan	Pres. Adams	December 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Atuta Maru	December 23.
Saigon	Corfu	December 23.
Straits	Jenn Laborde	December 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Bhutan	December 24.
Shanghai	Marechal Joffre	December 24.
Japan	Tusima Maru	December 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Conte Biancamano	December 25.
Manila	British Monarch	December 26.
Straits	Menesther	December 26.
Tientsin and Swatow	Pleasantville	December 27.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways"	Van Houtz	December 27.
"Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st December.	Hupch	December 28.
Manila	Fan-American Airways Plane	December 28.
	Folsdam	December 28.

### OUTWARD MAILES

For	Per	Date and Time.
Tuesday		
Hoihow and Pakhoi	Kwangtung	Tues. Dec. 20, Noon
Haiphong	Canton	Tues. Dec. 20, 2 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Jean Dupuis	Tues. Dec. 20, 2 p.m.
Bangkok	Mui Hock	Tues. Dec. 20, 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday		
Swatow and Amoy	Halyang	Wed. Dec. 21, 2 p.m.
Shanghai and Dairen	Helcius	Wed. Dec. 21, 2.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Singapore	Cremer	Wed. Dec. 21, 5 p.m.
Chunchoo and Amoy	Tsinan	Wed. Dec. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Sandakan	Hinsang	Thurs. Dec. 22, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Fookchow and Tientsin	Hunan	Thurs. Dec. 22, 8.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Calcutta	Sulsang	Thurs. Dec. 22, Noon
Haiphong	Taksang	Thurs. Dec. 22, 1 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways"	Imperial Airways Plane	
Direct Service—due London, 29th December.	K.P.O.	Thurs. Dec. 22.
	Reg.	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 22, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 22, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways"	Imperial Airways Plane	
Direct Service—due Sydney, 31st December.	K.P.O.	Thurs. Dec. 22.
	Reg.	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 22, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 22, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
U.S.A., Central and South America	Empress of Russia	Thurs. Dec. 22.
via Vancouver B.C. and (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—	G. F. O. and K. F. O.	
due Vancouver B.C., 9th January, 1939.	Reg.	Dec. 23, 9.15 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 23, 10 a.m.
Friday		
Fort Bayard, Hoihow and Haiphong	King Yuan	Fri., Dec. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Yochow	Fri., Dec. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia.	Carthage	Fri., Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Kwaisang	Fri., Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Adams	Fri., Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Jean Laborde	Fri., Dec. 23, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Sagres	Fri., Dec. 23, 3 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Atuta Maru	Fri., Dec. 23.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 5th January, 1939.	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 23, 5.30 p.m.
	G. F. O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 23, 7 p.m.
	G.F.O. and K.P.O.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East, and Corfu		Fri., Dec. 23.
South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th January, 1939.	Parcels,	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 24, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways Corfu"		Sat., Dec. 24.
Direct Service—due Amsterdam, 3rd January, 1939.	G.F.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 24, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Salgon	Marechal Joffre	Sat., Dec. 24, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Suiyang	Sat., Dec. 24, 3.30 p.m.
Manila and Naples—due Naples, 10th January	Conte Blancmann	Sat., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Sunday		
Swatow and Fookchow	Yochow	Sun., Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Anhui	Sun., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
Tientsin	Tingsang	Sun., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways"	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon. Dec. 26.
Direct Service—due London, 2nd January 1939.	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 26, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 26, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 26, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 26, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways"	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon. Dec. 26.
Direct Service—due Sydney, 2nd January 1939.	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 26, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 26, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 26, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 26, 7 p.m.
Tuesday		
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya	Tyinegara	Tues. Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Yunnan	Tues. Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Kwang	Tues. Dec. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tyiaroo	Tues. Dec. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Szechuen	Tues. Dec. 27, 12.30 p.m.





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He found that Captain W. E. Johns, creator of "Biggles," has established his airman hero as a favourite among boys. Richmal Crompton's "William" books appealed to both boys and girls, and scored 38 votes. The "Milly-Molly-Mandy" books, beloved of younger girls, came second with 34 votes.

"Biggles" got the boys' votes—15 of them. Dickens—mainly "Oliver Twist"—came fourth with 13 votes. "Robinson Crusoe," "Kidnapped" and "Treasure Island" got only one vote each. The old gave place to the new!

"Time was," says Mr. Vale, "when the bulk of children's reading was confined to school stories. Now the interest has shifted to the air, air-screws, airlooms, pilots and crude oil are the new symbols of speed and conquest."

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Captain W. E. Johns, who records his adventures in the air, is 45, keen-eyed, parts his hair in the middle, is married and lives at Reigate. He thinks the average boy "a very fine chap," and finds boys likeable because they are "so genuine."

### SHOT DOWN IN PLANE

He likes writing for them, and knows what he is writing about. For 11 years, during the War and after, he served in the Royal Flying Corps and the R.A.F. He knows what it feels like to be shot at, hit, and to fall helpless in a plane out of control.

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"Biggles" was born out of all that. "In a way," declared Captain Johns, "he is myself. I was in the Yeomanry when war broke out, went to the Middle East, got dysentery and malaria in Macedonia, decided I had had enough of trench warfare, and transferred to the R.F.C. in 1916. I served in the Force till 1929."

All the writing about flying at that time was being done in America. Captain Johns found boys here reading thrilling stories about American airmen and thought they should hear a bit about British pilots and the work they did.

"I knew some very fine fellows during the war and got fed up when I found all the glory of aviation going to America. So I started 'Popular Flying' to tell the world about British flying."

"It has now become a technical magazine, but 'Biggles' made his bow there in a short story. He came into a serial; then the publishers wanted a book about him. That was about 12 years ago. Since then I have written 28 books about Bigglesworth and I expect I shall go on."

"I can't get away from him, though I tried twice. Besides being a well-known boys' hero, he is also a most remunerative one! I have just finished a new book about him and am taking the day off."

Boys are "speedily unconvinced" these days when authors make blunders about aeroplanes. Captain Johns thinks that is one reason for the popularity of "Biggles." Another may lie in his confession—"I've never quite grown up myself!" The "Biggles" books have been translated into at least five languages, and Captain Johns gets letters from boys in all parts of the world, from Norway to Peru. Strangely enough, "Biggles" is enormously popular in Germany, though he is always shooting down German planes!



Under an agreement between the United States and Mexico, Gustavo P. Serrano, left, Mexican civil engineer, and Lawrence M. Lawson, irrigation engineer of El Paso, Tex., will place a value on lands in Mexico taken from American owners. Mexico has agreed to pay \$1,000,000 before May 13, 1939, and other amounts annually.

## Indian Princess Acts In New Play

PRINCESS INDIRA OF KAPURTHALA, who has broken away from Indian tradition to become an actress, sat in a bedchamber in Beaufort Gardens, Knightsbridge, recently, and told why she did it.

Earlier she had acted the part of a Turkish slave girl in the new play at the Gate Theatre, "The Heart Was Not Burned."

Beautiful 23-year-old daughter of the Maharajah of Kapurthala's son and heir, she rebelled against "repeating the out-worn pattern" of life as a princess.

### FAMILY OPPOSED

"I wanted to make a precedent for others to follow," she said. "I planned carefully and took nobody into my confidence until my preparations were complete."

"My family, especially my grandfather whose favourite I am, opposed me strongly."

"They urged me to marry first. Then I could have my own stage company and my own film studio without leaving India."

"I should have been happy to remain in India if my grandfather had let me help him with State work, but tradition was too much for him, and he refused."

## Family Affair

GEORGE SMITH, aged 32, and his brother Ted, aged 27, of Banbury-street, Battersea, are marrying two sisters at the Servite Church, Fulham, on Boxing Day.

The sisters are Joan and Mary Darling, of Darlan-road, Fulham. Joan is 20 and Mary 19.

The "best men" will be two brothers of the bridegrooms. The bridesmaids will be three sisters of the bridegrooms and the only sister of the bride. Father J. O'Neill, who will marry the couples, was at school with the brides' father.

## Fell In Love At Operation

Marion Mason, senior staff nurse, was 21 when Dr. William Grissane, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, was appointed to St. James's Hospital, Balham, London, S.W.

She was on the operating theatre staff, and was on duty when Dr. Grissane performed his first operation at the hospital. His skill saved a life, and she fell in love with him.

That was four years ago. Soon Miss Mason is to marry the doctor, who is 40. Her only regret is that she will no longer assist him in his work.

## Help Kidneys

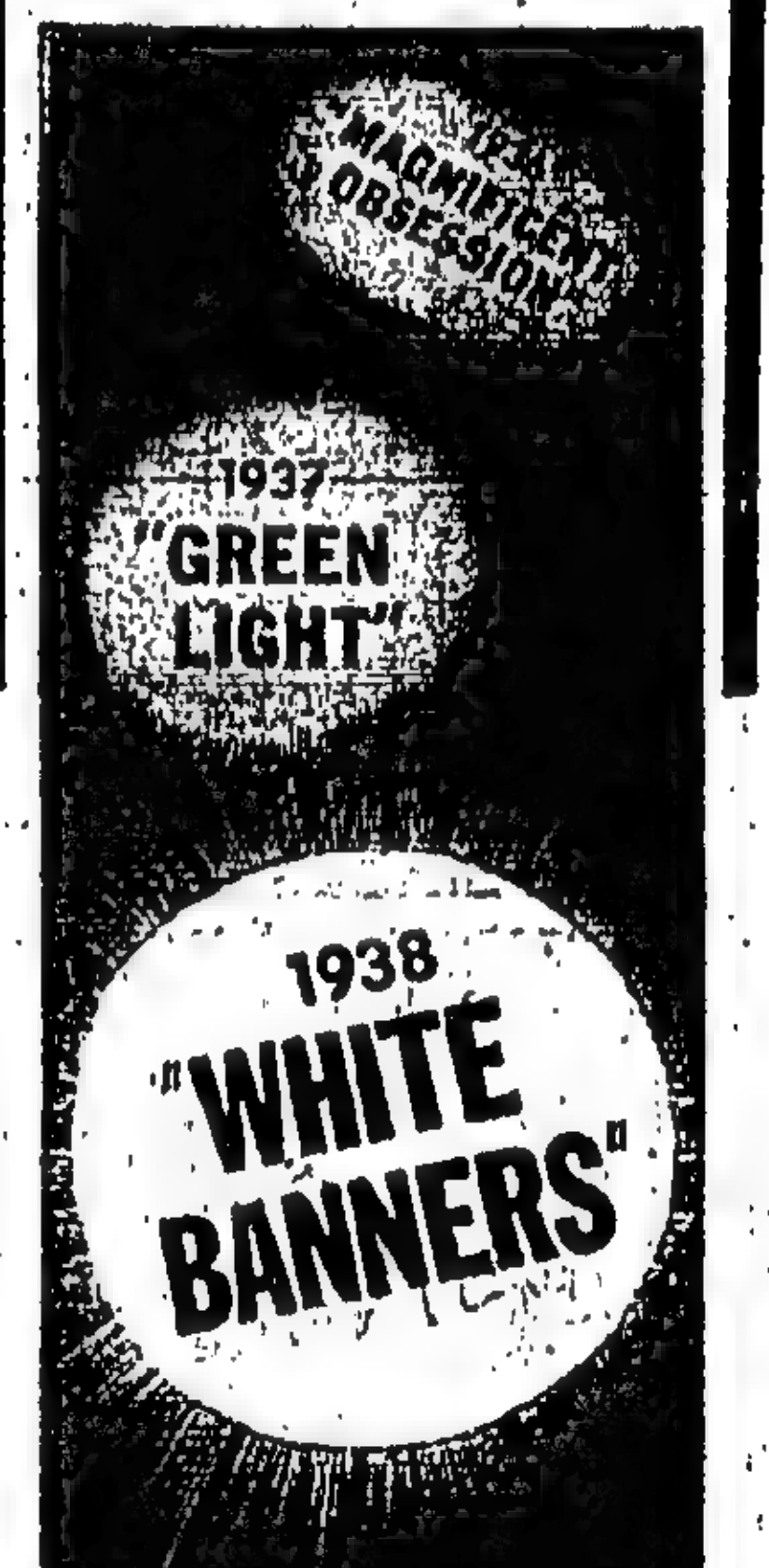
**Don't Take Drastic Drugs**  
Your kidneys have nine million tiny tubes or filters which are endangered by neglect or drastic irritating drugs. Beware! If kidney trouble or bladder weakness makes you suffer from Getting Up Night, Leg Pains, Nervousness, Headaches, Stiffness, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Circles Under Eyes, Swollen Ankles, Nocturia, Burning Itching, Smarting, Acidity or Loss of Vigour, don't delay. Try the Doctor's new discovery called Cystex (Pis-tex). Soothes, tones, cleans, and heals sick kidneys. Starts work in 15 minutes. Brings new health, youth and vitality in 48 hours. Cystex costs little and is guaranteed to end your troubles in 8 days or money back. At all chemists.

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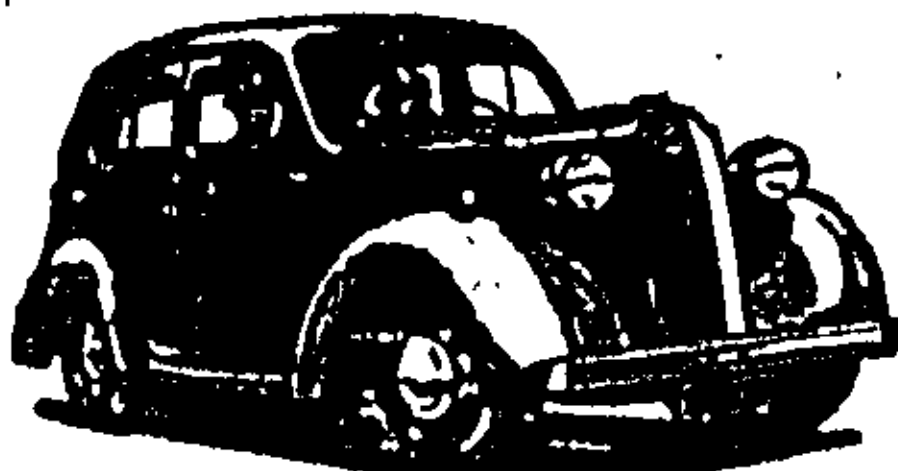
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#### Non-Stop to Madness

The whole fabric of Law and Order, upon which our Civilisation is based, is rapidly disintegrating.

That criminal result of the monstrous policy of armamentation upon which the entire world has embarked is becoming an inexorable certainty from which, soon, there can be no escape.

Every nation is wasting its substance in preparation for the calamity of another World War. The cost of armaments has reached astronomical proportions, representing a drain upon the world's resources that is staggering in its immensity.

We, as individuals, appear powerless to halt this insane folly that can have but one ending—War and the destruction of a civilisation that has taken centuries to mould.

The real tragedy of the calamity that has overtaken the world is the helplessness of the masses. As if hypnotised, we can do nothing but stand impotent, as nation after nation is seized by the maniacal jungle phobia—the law that only the fit can survive and the weak are doomed—and join in the race for survival.

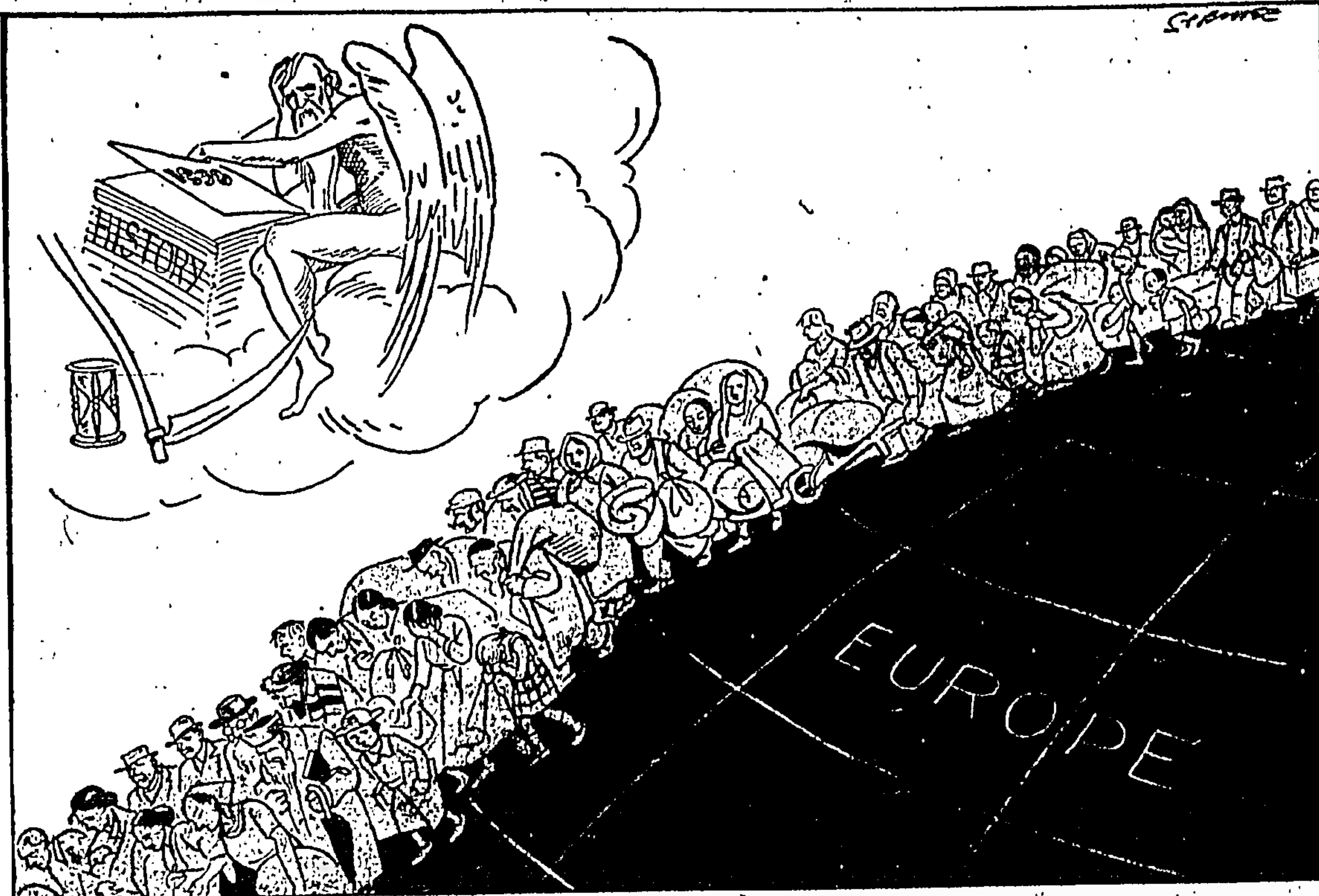
The climax, terrible to contemplate, is certain unless a wave of sanity can miraculously rid the world of its insane fears.

To the mad rush for armaments and yet more armaments there must be an ending, for no nation can indefinitely bear the terrific financial and economic strain upon its resources. That ending is—War.

By the law of the jungle which the nations of the world have adopted, the weakest must be the first to drop from the race. That will not be the fate of Democracy, as exemplified by Great Britain and the United States, both of which are able to bear much greater amputations of wealth and resources for security than they have yet been called upon to suffer. It will be the fate of the Totalitarians, whose life-blood has already been drained away by reckless transfusions that have sought to vitalise their war machines.

The fear that clutches at the heart of man is this: will Totalitarianism, if its recklessness hurls it over the brink of the abyss, go over alone? Or will it, in obedience to the law of the jungle it has instituted, turn on its victors and, in one last despairing effort, carry them and Civilisation, too, into the depths below?

The road nations are following is the road to madness. Pray God that, before it is too late, they will find sanctuary in sanity.



FATHER TIME: "IF I WRITE THIS DOWN UNDER 1938 A.D. THEY WON'T BELIEVE IT."  
—Strube in the London "Daily Express"

HOW DOES it all come about that Memel, this commonplace Baltic seaport, which, in spite of its 700 years of history, has dull modern buildings and provincial shops, should have such power to deepen the anxieties of a statesman?

It is a German town and it is on Lithuanian soil. It is a Lutheran town, and it is in a Roman Catholic State. It is German because it was founded by Germans and settled by Germans. It is Lithuanian because the Lithuanians grabbed it.

The Teutonic Knights founded it as an outpost of Christendom in the heathen and Slavonic East. They spread the religion of Jesus with the sword.

Perhaps missionary zeal was not the only incentive of these warriors. Memel stands at the eastern end of the Amber Coast. Under the waters of the Baltic, somewhere opposite the town of Königsberg, is a sunken amber reef.

When storms trouble the waters amber, broken off this reef, is washed on to the sands between Danzig and Memel. Through long centuries this has gone on, so that amber not only can be found on the shore, but is also mined under dry land. Of the quarter-million pounds of amber found every year in the world, 220,000 pounds come from this region. The Teutonic Knights presented themselves with a monopoly of all the amber found. Penalty for poaching—death by hanging.

Before the war Memel was a depressed German seaport. It was depressed because it was cut off from its hinterland, the Lithuanian farmlands and the forests of Poland. The Russian Empire, in which those territories were incorporated, had seaports of its own, Libau, Vindau, and Riga. They got the business which would naturally have been Memel's.

Forgotten by the world was sleepy Memel until the Treaty of Versailles took it from Germany and set up an Inter-Allied Administration. Memel's destiny was to remain in suspense until the statesmen of the Allies, busy about their godlike task of reshaping a world by drawing new lines on maps in Paris, should have made up their minds what was to be done with it.

This was the situation from 1919 to the month of January

## The Story of MEMEL

Names—New Dortmund, Memelburg, Memel, Klaipėda.

Owners—Knights of the Teutonic Order, Hanseatic League, Swedes, Prussians, Lithuanians.

Present Status—Bone of contention between Adolf Hitler's Reich and Antanas Smetona's Republic of Lithuania.

Future—Only certainty which can be predicted is that of a new cause of embarrassment to distracted democracy.



Main Street, Memel.

by Alexander  
Alan Whelan

1923. A High Commissioner of the Allies, a Frenchman, ruled the Memel prefecture. A Britain would not march with garrison of 200 French soldiers there. Garrigue reality to his government with their bayonets.

Germany was prostrate. Lithuania was in arrogant mood. She had been stung in her national pride by the seizure of the Vilna, once her capital, by the Poles. The Lithuanians demanded that Memel be handed over to them. True, its people were German, but the inhabitants of the country districts round the town were Lithuanian. Besides, it was Lithuania's only possible outlet to the sea.

A conference of Ambassadors had met; proposed that Memel be given the same status as Danzig. Lithuania rejected their excellencies' suggestions. Memel must be Lithuanian!

The month of January 1923 was a time of crisis. It was one of those crowded moments when the long agony of post-war Europe crystallises in conflict and decision. Statesmen were concerned with great issues. Newspapers were electric. Destiny moved at a gallop. The French had taken the fateful decision to enter the

It was a raid, and in force. Kovno, capital of Lithuania, reported that the Memel population, crying, "Down with the German Free City," had, by spontaneous act, formed a Supreme Council of Defence and demanded incorporation in Lithuania.

The 200 French soldiers announced that they would resist the invaders to the last.

Ambassadors met in Paris. The British cruiser Caledon was ordered to the Baltic. A French colonel was despatched to command the garrison. An Allied protest went to Lithuania.

Meanwhile, the Lithuanian raiders came nearer. They have exchanged shots with the French. They demand the withdrawal of the French troops. Another Allied protest is sent to Lithuania.

Then, on January 16, all is over. The green-armleted raiders close in on the French garrison. There is fighting round the prefecture. It is said that the French fight valiantly, though desperately outnumbered. It is certain that they do not fight to the last. The newspapers report one Frenchman killed and three wounded before a truce is called.

The French High Commissioner makes his last and most solemn protest. And that is all. Memel is in the hands of the Lithuanians. A month later the conference of Ambassadors proposes that the town should be handed over to Lithuania provided it is given a measure of local autonomy.

The green-armlets filter back to Lithuania proper, their work done. They can feel confident that, in the words of the Lithuanian Prime Minister, a solution will be found which "corresponds with the wishes of the population."

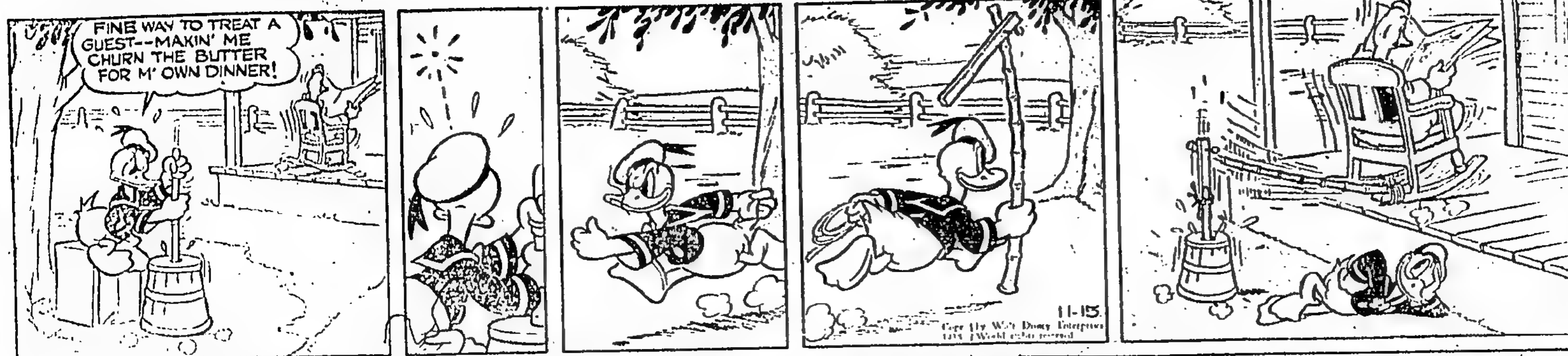
And so it proves. In due course, the League of Nations throws the cloak of legality and respectability over the land-grabbing exploit of the Lithuanians. Memel becomes an autonomous unit with the sovereignty of Lithuania. Britain, France, and Italy are guarantors of her Constitution.

That the day will come when the world is once more busy, its statesmen distracted, its international machinery in hopeless disorder—that there may once more be raiders on the roads near Memel, with armlets, but not green armlets—swastikas this time, the raiders of Herr Hitler!—this is a conception that was far, far away from the thoughts of men in January 1923.

Not so far in December, 1938!



# DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney

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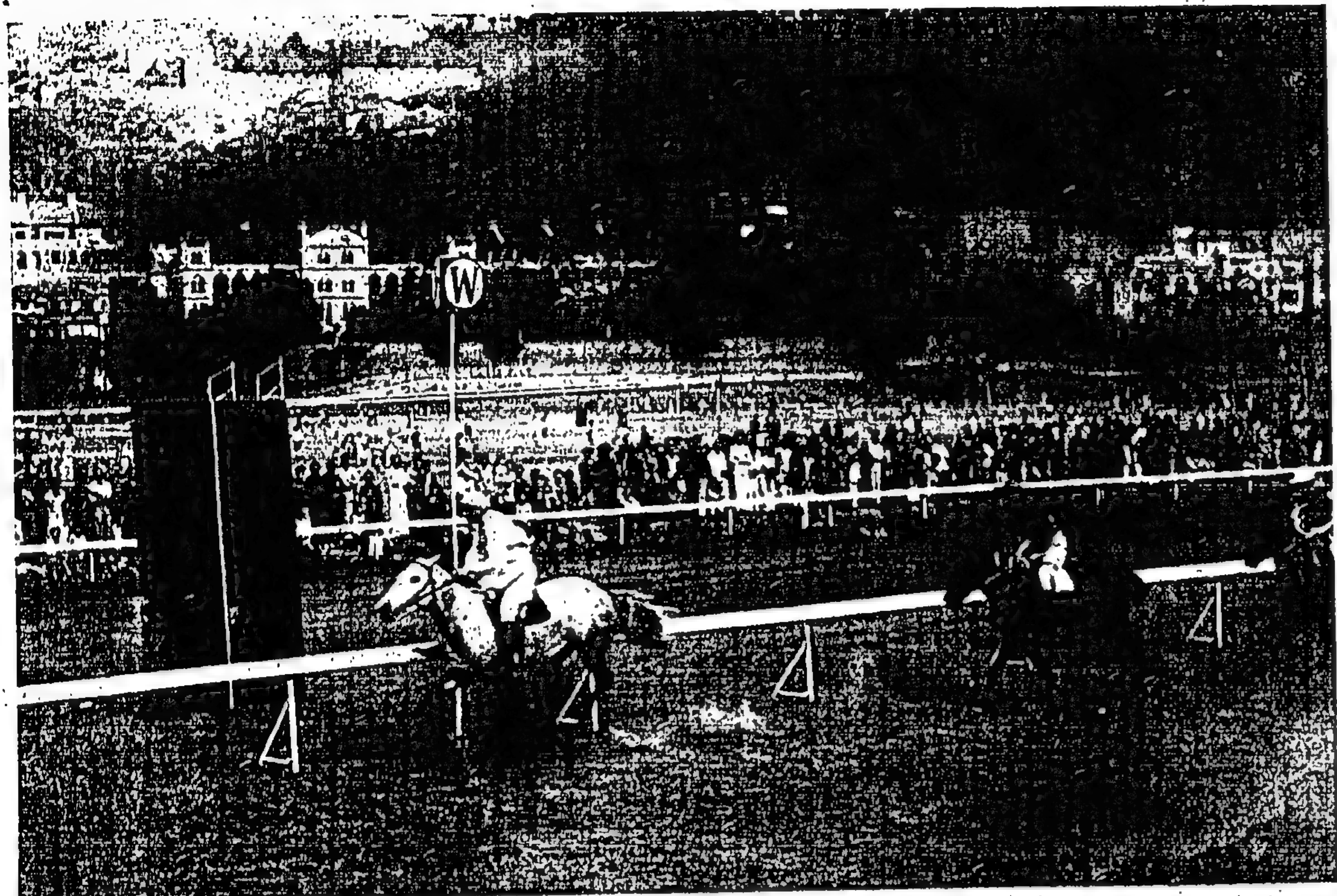
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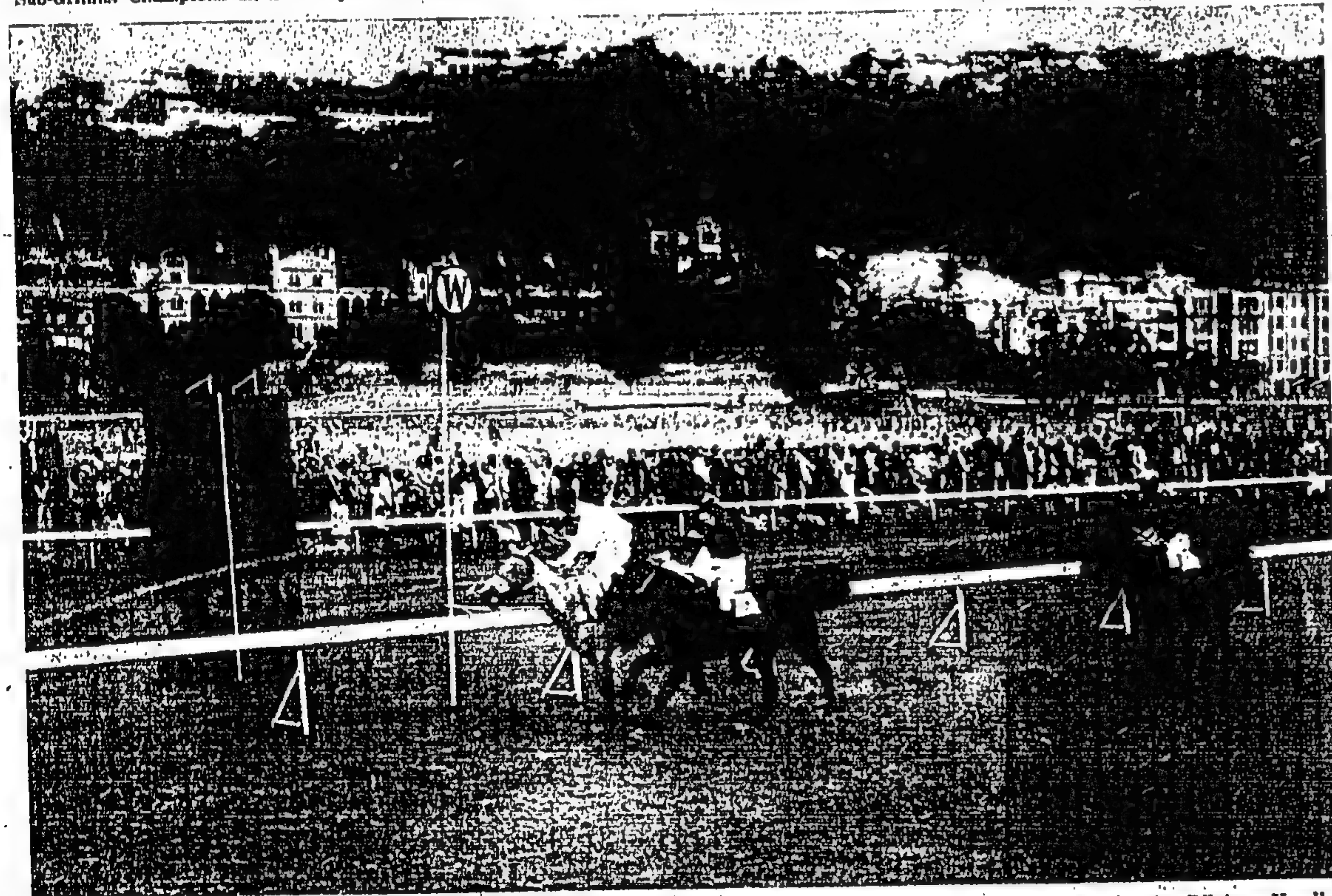
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## AT THE RACES ON SATURDAY



PICTURE SHOWS how easily Salvage Master, owned by Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield and ridden by Mr. R. L. Tao, won the Hongkong Autumn Sub-Griffins Champions on Saturday. Piet Hein was second and National Guard third.—Staff Photographer.



Mr. A. W. Raymond, riding Double Chance, just managed to push his pony's nose in front of Plain View in the Dilatory Handicap on Saturday, and paid backers \$45.70 for a win. The grey pony's outstretched neck earned him the victory. Flybynight is in third place on the right of the picture.—Staff Photographer.

## KOWLOON AFFAIRS

### K.R.A. Committee's Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents Association was held on Tuesday, December 13, in St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Those present were:—Mr. B. Wyllie (President), Mr. H. Baldwin (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), Miss H. D. Sawyer, Rev. Fr. A. Granelli, Messrs. Li Chor-chi, C. M. Monnera, D. W. Munton, R. Pestonji and C. E. Terry. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. C. Mow Fung and I. N. Murray.

The President reported having written to the Director of Education on the subjects of unregistered schools, and "Safety First" propaganda in schools. The Director of Education had promised that enquiries should be made into the first matter, and said that arrangements had already been made and schools circulated regarding the second.

The President read a list of 54 names of members whom he proposed should be removed from the membership list for various reasons. To this, the Committee agreed.

With reference to the congestion at the Star Ferry Wharf, Hongkong, it was reported by members that, following police action, conditions there had recently improved.

Correspondence was read regarding the increase of crime in Kowloon, traffic matters, deficiencies in bus services, trees in Kowloon, refugee camps, season tickets for workmen

(on Kowloon buses), and the alteration of a sectional bus stop in Nathan Road.

**Points Raised.**  
A letter from a member was read, drawing attention to the need for more buses to be put on the No. 6 route. It was felt that the matter was being dealt with already in the only possible way, i.e. by bringing the matter to the notice of the Traffic Board.

Chatham Road residents had also brought to the notice of the Committee matters in connection with the Children's Playground in that locality. The subject was referred to the Playgrounds Sub-Committee.

A letter from the Chinese Y.M.C.A. appealing to the Association for assistance in making the beach at Lai Chi Kok available again for swimmers (the Medical Board having announced last July that swimming at the beach was dangerous on account of the proximity of the Cholera Hospital) was read. It was decided to send a copy of the letter to the Director of Medical Services asking for his views, and recommending that it possible something be done to preserve the beach for bathing in view of the very large number of Chinese for which it had entered.

It having been brought to the Committee's notice that the Salisbury Road Car Park was now entirely inadequate, after some discussion regarding sites suitable for adaptation as extra additional parking places, it was agreed to write and ask Government to consider the advisability of using the piece of land at the corner of Nathan and Salisbury Roads for that purpose.

It was agreed to donate \$50 to St. Andrew's Church for allowing the Association to use the Church Hall for all its meetings.

## CANTON-SHANGHAI PLANE SERVICE

### Japanese Plans To Use Former C.N.A.C. Route

Peiping, Dec. 19.

Absorbing the Huiting Aviation Corporation, a Sino-Japanese concern, the China Aviation Corporation was formally inaugurated here on Saturday as the principal organisation to manage air transport in China.

Capitalised at Yuan 6,000,000, the new concern will operate service as follows:—Peiping-Shanghai, Shanghai-Hankow, Shanghai-Canton, Peiping-Dairen and Peiping-Tientsin. Participating in the enterprise are the Provisional Government of Peiping, the Reformed Government at Nanking, the Federated Autonomous Government of Mongolia, the Japan Aviation Corporation and the Manchukuo Air Transport Company.

Mr. Tsuneo Kodama, Vice-President of the Manchukuo Air Transport Company, has been appointed President of the new Corporation, whose head office is at Peiping. Branches will be established throughout China.—Domei.

Before hostilities in China, the route from Canton to Peiping was operated by the China National Aviation Corporation, calls being made at Hongkong, Shanghai and Nanking.

### C.N.A.C. ACCIDENT

#### Under-Carriage Damaged At Kwelin

It is now revealed that a C.N.A.C. plane was involved in a slight accident at Kwelin at the beginning of this month when landing.

Owing to the unevenness of the field the landing gear of the machine was damaged. There were several passengers aboard at the time, the plane being on the run from Chungking and Kunming.

The machine was not one from Hongkong, and no-one was hurt in the accident. The landing gear has been repaired and the plane is back in service.

### EURASIA PLANE LEAVES

A Eurasia plane left Kai Tak in the early hours of yesterday morning for Kunming, with passengers, mail and freight.

### HAWAII MYSTERY

Honolulu, Dec. 19.

A Filipino diving to recover nets 10 miles south of Kaena Point discovered an aeroplane with its nose buried in the sand.

A United Press correspondent, who

accompanied the crew of a naval vessel, personally inspected the plane, which was found to be an old wreck.

The machine is at a depth of 20 feet, and almost completely buried in sand and wedged between volcanic boulders. Naval authorities think the wreck is a biplane, as the buried wing seemed lower, while the upper part had apparently been carried away.—United Press.

### TON OF HOME MAILS

#### Two Planes Due Here This Afternoon

The Imperial Airways plane Delphinus reached Kai Tak at 2.45 p.m. yesterday with mails from Australia and Africa.

A ton of mails from the United Kingdom is expected to reach Kai Tak by the planes Della and Dardanus at 5 p.m. to-day. The last mail was received from the United Kingdom on Thursday, and to-day's mails have been delayed three days.

### AIR SERVICE

#### Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

##### Outward

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. December 20.  
For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. services indefinite.  
For U.S.A., via Manila, Honolulu, Guam: Pan American China Clipper 8.30 a.m. December 20.  
For France, via Hanoi, Air France, 8.30 a.m. December 24.

##### Inward

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways-Dardanus, 5 p.m. December 19; Imperial Airways Della, Delphinus 5 p.m. December 22.  
From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.  
From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Pan American China Clipper 12.30 p.m. December 28.  
From France, via Hanoi: Air France, 12.30 p.m. December 22.

## \*—RADIO—\*

### Ruth Litvin in a Studio Piano Recital

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6.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) My Own; (b) I'm Gonna lock my heart; (c) You're as pretty as a picture; (d) Mamma, I wanna make Rhythm.

6.14 Record: Ah! The Moon Is Here! (film "Footlight Parade"); Turn Back the Clock... Paul White, man presents Ramona and Her Grand Piano with clarinet and trumpet.

6.21 (a) Honey-suckle Rose; (b) Mama's gone Bye-Bye; (c) Moon Glow; (d) Rhythm Mad.

6.35 Records: River Reveries... Quentin M. Maclean (Organ); Slow Fox-Trot Medley... Gerry Moore (Piano).

6.44 (a) I've got a date with a dream; (b) The Yarn; (c) Bewilderment; (d) Lullaby in Rhythm.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Light Variety.  
Vocal—Robins And Roses (Burke); Len Bermon with Orchestra; Vocal—No Wonder She's A Blushing Bride (Uckele Ike-Mills).... Tessie O'Shea with her band.

7.04 The Range In The Sky (Carlton); Twilight On The Trail (film: The Trail of the Lonesome Pine)... Willifrid Thomas (Baritone) with The Good Companions; Orch.—Nobody's Sweetheart (Meyers-Schoerbel); Moon Glow (De Lange-Mills)... Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots in "Drumsticks"; Vocal—Panama (film "Swing High, Swing Low"); On A Tropic Night (film "Tropic Holiday")... Dorothy Lamour with Herbie Kay and His

Orchestra: Vocal—Ballerina (Boots).... The Three Musketeers and Rae Jenkins Busters.

7.30 Grieg—Peer Gynt Suite No. 2 Op. 55.  
New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

7.45 B.B.C. Recording—"Breaking Atlantic Records."  
A link by Harold Abrahams.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Keteibey—"In A Fairy Realm" Suite.  
Albert W. Keteibey's Concert Orchestra conducted by the Composer.

8.15 London Relay—"The Snowman."

A play for broadcasting, written and produced by Leslie Stokes.

8.45 Studio—Piano Recital by Ruth Litvin.

1. Prelude, Op. 28, No. 17 (Chopin); 2. Prelude, Op. 28, No. 24 (Chopin); 3. Consolation, No. 7 (Liszt); 4. Rhapsody, No. 8 (Liszt).

9.10 Military Band Music.  
Tarantelle De Concert (Greenwood, arr. Godfrey)...Xylophone Solo accompanied by The Band Of H.M. Grenadier Guards; The Voice Of The Bells (Lullini, arr. Miller)....The Band Of H.M. Grenadier Guards under the direction of Major George Miller; Hungarian Fantasy (Flgedy)...Band Of The Royal Hungarian "Maria Theresia" Regiment; Palms Of Victory—March (Blankenburg)...Massed Military Bands.

9.30 London Relay—"The News."  
9.50 Songs by Stuart Robertson (Baritone).

Songs That Everybody Should Know...with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

10.0 Edwin Fletcher at the Piano.  
Sonata In A Major, K.331 (Mozart); Romance In A Flat Major, K. Anh. 205 (Mozart).

10.22 Schubert—Quartet No. 14 In D Minor ("Death and the Maiden").  
Played by the Roth String Quartet.

11.0 Close down.



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Lincoln Ellsworth, left, famed American explorer, chats with American Minister, Leo J. Keena, just before leaving Capetown, South Africa, for further explorations in the Antarctic regions.

## Crinoline Too Dear A Fashion To Last

ENGLISH women are wearing crinolines again—but only for this season, say the fashion firms. It is too luxurious a style to last.

## EMPIRE NEWS

### Air Progress In New Zealand

Auckland. The first air direction-finding wireless equipment in New Zealand has been installed at Rongotai aerodrome, Wellington. Over 30,000 persons use the airport annually.

British Trade Commissioner—Mr. R. Boulter, the British Trade Commissioner in New Zealand, is to leave in January on an official visit and holiday leave trip to England.

### INDIA

### FALSE CONGRESS PROPAGANDA

Bombay. The irresponsible methods of Congress Press propaganda are shown by the report of the Committee of Inquiry on the Mysore rioting on Jan. 11, published recently.

The report mentions the accounts in newspapers to the effect that the police fired from inside a building upon crowds rushing through the narrow bazaar, killing 32. It had been proved to the Committee that all the windows of the building were covered with wire netting through which it would be impossible to pass a rifle.

The Congress leader had since admitted the impossibility of firing from these windows, explaining the newspaper reports as "hearsay." He admitted that he had told a newspaperman that "false reports to the Press don't matter."

The Mysore Government's official casualty list of 10 dead had been proved correct.

The Committee found that a Congress campaign of "unparalleled virulence, conducted without regard for truth," was responsible for the crowd's attack on the police who were forced to fire in self-defence. After this, "false information was broadcast to the world."

### COMMUNAL RIOTING

Calcutta. A Moslem and a Hindu were killed in rioting between workers and strikers at a jute mill near Calcutta. The rioting then assumed a communal character. Two European police officers and 42 other persons were injured and 150 arrests were made.

### SOUTH AFRICA

### TOWN PLANNING IN TABLE BAY

Cape Town. It is stated that an overseas company offered £2,000,000 for the land which is now being reclaimed from Table Bay through the construction of the new £20,000,000 harbour.

The offer was refused. The Cape Town Municipal Council will dispose of the land for an ambitious town-planning scheme which will completely alter the face of Cape Town. The reclaimed area will be about half the size of the present metropolitan area of the city.

Voortrekker Ceremony.—Because the Mayor is a Jew, Benoni Town Council will not be asked to participate in the Voortrekker centenary celebrations there. The committee responsible for celebrations asked the Mayor, Mr. M. Nestadt, to allow a Christian to represent the Council at

Imagine an evening dress that takes sixty yards of net, ten yards of taffeta, and six and a half yards of ribbon to make; this was a crinoline frock made in London this season.

The simplest crinolines take twelve to fourteen yards of material. Compare this with the usual five or six yards for an evening dress, and you will see why a crinoline gown costs anything up to 50 per cent. more than a straight-skirted one.

English women prefer the petticoats stiffened with horsehair net instead of whalebone, as in America. The Duchess of Kent wore one of these modified crinolines when she danced at a ball in Bath last month. London shops are selling a good many crinoline frocks. One, in white brocade, is being made as a wedding dress. Others are sold for dances and dinner.

Miss Chisholm, buyers for a big store, said, "People tell us they find them easy to wear. The only trouble is getting them in and out of cars—and, of course, it's no good expecting to cram into a theatre seat." With the crinolines go all the other Victorian fashions—off-the-shoulder necklines, cameo lockets, neckbands, and hair ornaments. A lovely fashion—while it lasts.

## Chinese Refugees: Gratitude

LADY Layton, chairman of the Clothing and Comforts Committee of the British Fund (late Lord Mayor's) for the Relief of Distress in China, writes:

I am sure your readers will be interested to hear that in a letter written by the secretary of the British Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai on October 23 he states:

"... at present in the settlement and concession there must be about 60,000 refugees. Most of the clothing received from time to time from England has gone to the Chinese, but naturally there are many items, like plus fours, that are of no use to them. These are handed to the B.W.A. or King's Daughters' Society to give to foreigners, of whom they have many on their books—also refugees."

### "HERCULEAN TASK"

"But everything has been used. What Shanghai would have done without the Lord Mayor's Fund I cannot imagine. It was really a herculean task caring for all the refugees that poured in from up-river and down-stream and all over the country. This effort on the part of the British has been very much appreciated."

The Depot has already dispatched 1,405 bales of medical supplies and clothing, but the need is desperate. May I appeal to your readers to do all they can see that this supply remains constant or increasing?

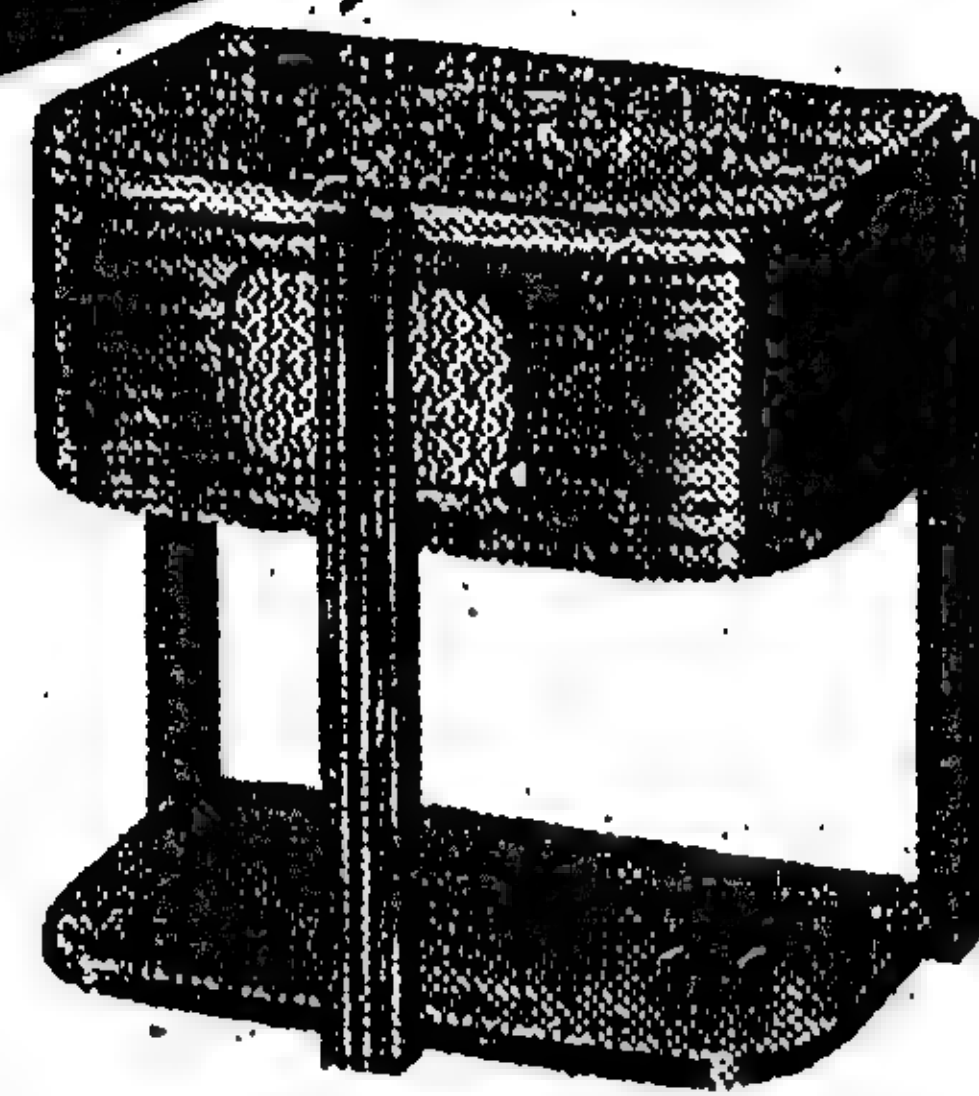
the ceremony. Mr. Nestadt declined to do this.

### JAMAICA

### LABOUR LEADER'S DEMANDS

Kingston. Alexander Bustamante, the Labour leader, in a statement before the Royal Commission characterised the last and present Governors of Jamaica, the late Sir Edward Denham and Sir Arthur Richards, as "fascists." He wants a minimum wage of a dollar a day for workers and old age pensions for Jamaica workers at 50.

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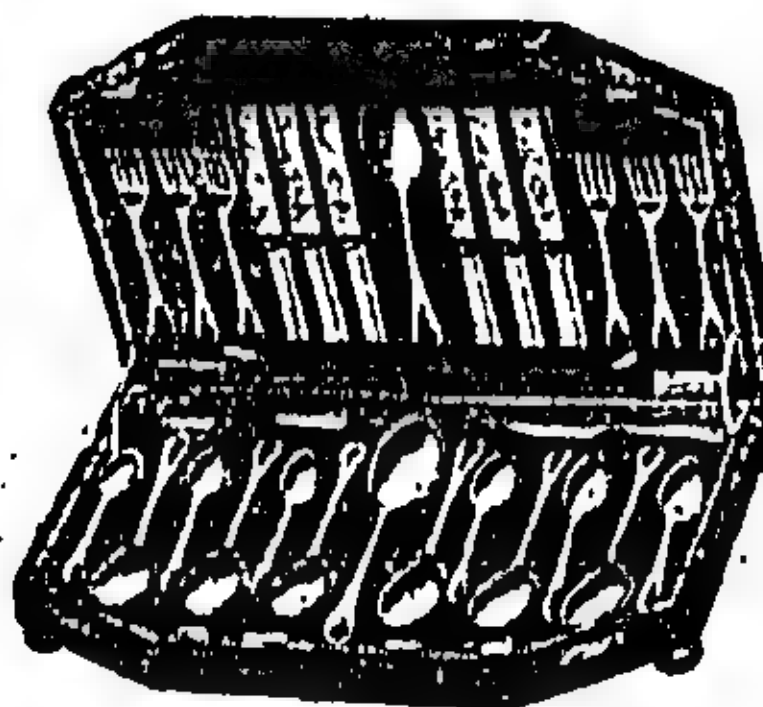
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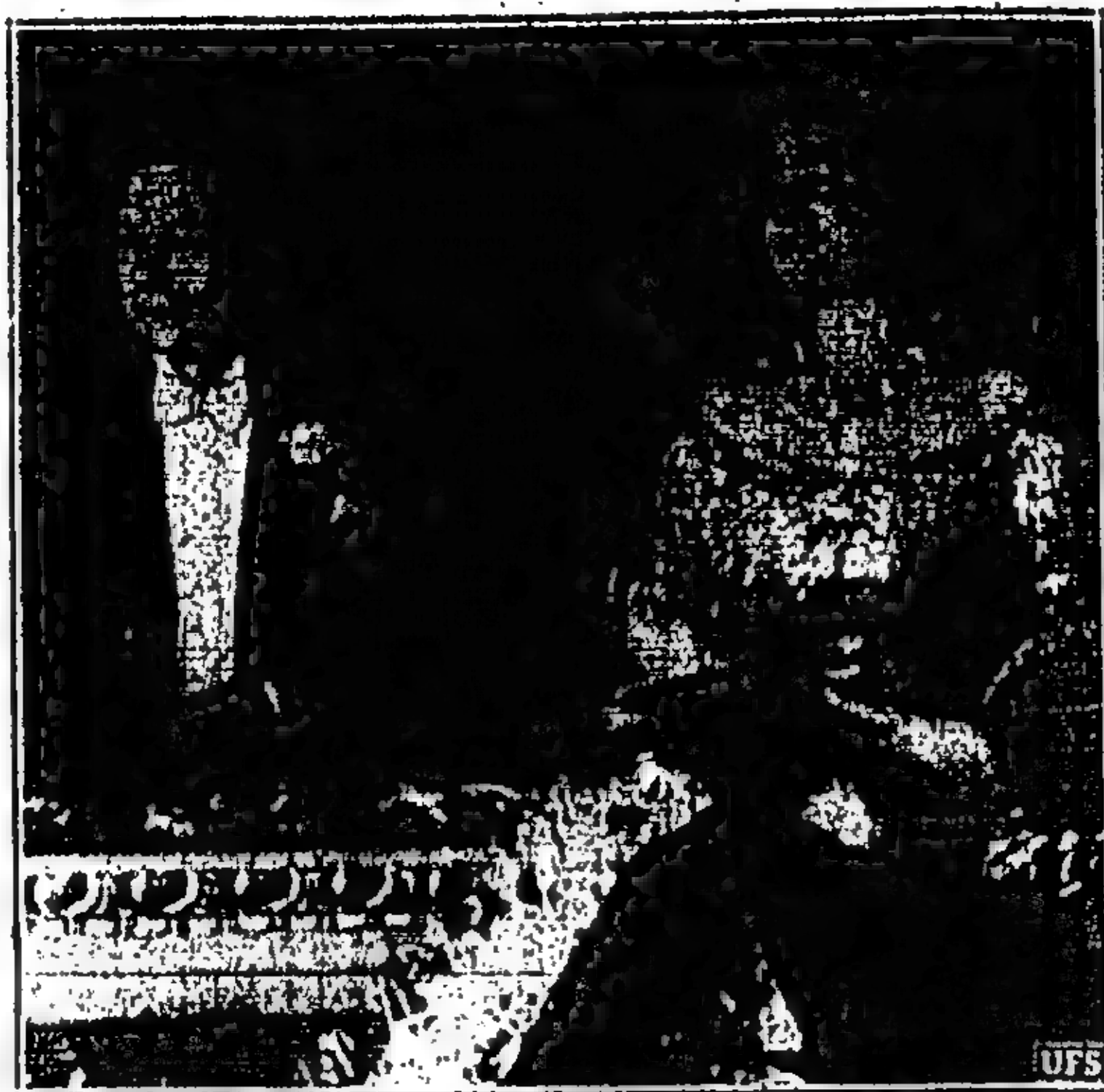
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Their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth are shown in happy mood in the royal box at the Coliseum, London, where they attended a variety show, recently. The British monarchs are planning to leave England on May 10, on the battle cruiser Repulse, for their visit to Canada, which will include a trip to the United States.

## EX-BUTCHER BOY BROKE PROMISE TO MARRY COOK

**"He Looked Into My Eyes": Damages £50**

**A** FORMER butcher boy who courted an hotel cook was ordered at Leeds Assizes recently to pay her £50 damages for failing to keep his promise to marry her.

The girl, Rose Gregory, of Guiltwaite, near Rotherham, sued Christopher William Lawson Steel, now a master butcher, of Greame House, Muston, near Filey.

Dr. E. C. Chappell, for the girl, said there were two verbal promises of marriage, one in June, 1935, a month before Steel reached 21, and another in 1937.

"Then," said counsel, "this young man's ardour had cooled tremendously, and he took an engagement ring which he had given the plaintiff from her by force."

Dr. Chappell said the parties met in 1933 at Scarborough, and he added: "There passed between this pair a great number of affectionate letters, many have heaps of crosses. There are 23 dozen on one alone."

Steel became a partner in a butchering business. He bought a motor-car and a racehorse. Miss Gregory bought articles for her "lotion drawer" and these were the subject of a claim for special damages.

**CROSSES**  
 Dr. Chappell added that under promise of marriage, there was intimacy.

The girl, a brunette, who gave her age as 24, said that at the time she met Steel in Scarborough, she was an assistant cook at an hotel.

The promise of marriage was made in Steel's car when he was taking her for a ride.

"He looked into my eyes," she added, "and said: 'Darling, will you

marry me? I am old enough to please myself and I have got plenty of money saved up."

"She accepted him, remarking: 'I will try and make you a good wife.' 'Last year she noticed that he was more or less indifferent to her."

The defence was that the promise to marry was rescinded by mutual agreement.

Steel, in the box, said he was receiving only 60s. a week from the business and he had partly to support his mother and a sister.

**"TURNED AWKWARD"**

He denied making any fresh promises to marry Miss Gregory in 1937. They were friendly until the end of February last year, when Miss Gregory "turned awkward."

He denied taking the engagement ring from her by force. He said she gave it to him in the car and got out, threatening to drown herself.

Steel denied that he had bought a racehorse. His grandfather, he said, bought a horse, but it was not a racehorse and he gave only £50 for it.

## M.P. To Live In House With Evil Influence

**"UNLUCKY"** Kelvedon Hall, near Ongar, Essex, from which nuns fled two years ago after an uncanny series of tragedies, will soon be one of the show places of England.

Mr. Henry Channon, M.P. for Southend, and his beautiful £20,000-a-year wife, Lady Honour Channon, have transformed the severe convent building into a beautiful country house, complete with swimming pool, bathrooms, and electricity.

What were once nuns' cells and workrooms are now beautifully decorated rooms, furnished with valuable antiques bought and collected by Mr. Channon and his wife, who is the eldest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Ivesey.

More than £20,000 has been spent on renovations, and another small fortune on furnishing the house.

The Channons defied local superstition in buying the convent.

Villagers remembered the amazing accidents which happened one after the other during the four years Kelvedon Hall was a convent.

**"SOMETHING TERRIBLE"**  
 After the last tragedy, in October 1936, Mary D'Alton, the Sister Superior of the Roman Catholic community, said:

"We are unanimous in the feeling there is something terrible about the place. Since the day we came we have never felt happy. The convent seems to have some evil influence over us. It is uncanny to the last degree."

During the nine years the community was in Somerset there had been no trouble.

Then two years after taking Kelvedon Hall a little child fell in the playground of their school and died within a week from tetanus.

Later a workman was injured, and as the community was not insured they had to pay him 12s. 6d. a week for the rest of his life.

A few weeks afterwards a little girl who had been with the Convent for nine years developed pneumonia and died within three days.

**FRIEND FOLLOWS FRIEND**  
 In February 1936 a sister was drowned in the lake in the grounds. When taken from the water her hands were clasping a crucifix.

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# FOOTBALL OFFICIALS GIVE ADVICE TO REFEREES But Obstruction Rule Not Any Clearer

London, Dec. 1.  
Mr. Bert Mee, of Mansfield, Notts, president of the Referees' Association, and long established whistle-blower, has called on Mr. Stanley Rouse, Football Association secretary, in a bid to end confusion over the official "N.B." footnote to Law 12, Section E, writes Stanley Hosley in the Daily Mail.

This meeting between a Football League referee and a football official is almost historic. A referee may sometimes rise from his position of authority and get a personal chat with an F.A. official.

But it is rare to the point of being unknown for the F.A. to uphold and go into consultation with a League referee on a major point of policy.

Under Law 12, minus the footnote, it was the custom for referees to allow a defender to protect his goalkeeper by warding off an attacker irrespective of where the ball might be.

## CONFUSION

Then came the footnote stating that Law 12 was not intended to penalise all charging; that charging was fair so long as the players concerned are playing the ball.

This immediately tipped many referees into doubt and disturbance and general confusion.

Managers took to asking referees before the match exactly how they were going to interpret Law 12, so they could let their players know and keep them out of technical trouble. Harassed referees hung on, hoping the F.A. would do something. But still the F.A.'s answer was a stern "No reply." So the executive decided to go to headquarters themselves.

Result of the Messrs. Rouse-Mee talks was an official F.A. statement which was placed before referees and discussed at a secret meeting in London last night of League Referees, Section 4 (Southern). It ran as follows:

"We must point out that there has been no alteration to the law. The note was inserted to help referees to interpret correctly the law concerning charging. During past years defenders have developed the practice of charging on-coming forwards without attempting to play the ball in order to prevent them from obtaining possession of the ball.

"When this has happened in the penalty area many referees have over-looked the offence yet when the same offence has been committed in mid-field they have promptly penalised the offending player.

## "NO ALTERATION"

"Referees—generally—appear to have taken the view that it is the prerogative of a full-back to charge or obstruct an opponent, not in possession of the ball, in order to protect the goalkeeper, or prevent his opponent gaining possession of the ball.

"We again emphasise that there has been no alteration to the law. A referee will give satisfaction if he enforces the law with regard to charging irrespective of where such charging takes place, and should use his discretion in all cases."

Though referees are delighted at some progress being made, they feel that last bit about "using discretion in all cases," puts them right back at the beginning again. "Same old story," I heard one comment. "Carry us so far, then drop us."

I understand that one referee of many seasons' experience suggested at the meeting that the only safe way out of the trouble was to make a goalkeeper immune from attack within the six-yard line (penalty area).

This idea was that six-yard immunity would prevent an attacker making the often idiotic dashes at a goalkeeper which led to his being obstructed by a defender, and which were the root of the trouble. This suggestion may re-echo in official quarters.

## Scottish Cup Draw Announced Senior Clubs Steer Clear Of One Another

London, Dec. 19.  
The following is the draw of the first round of the Scottish Cup, to be played on January 21:

Handy v. Motherwell  
Edinburgh C. v. Stranraer  
Kilmarnock v. Berwick  
Falkirk v. Rangers  
Clyde v. Brechin City  
Leith A.F. v. St. Johnstone  
Raith R. v. Airdrie  
Glasgow v. Rangers  
Falkirk A.M. v. Elgin City  
Forfar A.F. v. Albion  
Dunfermline v. Dumbarton  
King's Park v. Babcock and Wilcox  
Alloa v. Ayr United  
Queen's Park v. St. Cathbert  
Wanderers v. Celtic  
Burnt Island v. Easter Stirling  
Bo'ness v. Hamilton  
Dundee v. St. Bernard's  
Dunfermline v. St. Bernard's  
Dundee United v. Girvan  
East Fife v. Stenhousemuir  
Cowdenbeath v. Montrose  
Queen's O.S. v. Arbroath  
Aberdeen v. Albion R.  
Nithsdale v. Buckie Thistle  
Dunfermline v. Morton  
Thurston v. Clachnacuddin  
Hearts v. Penicuik  
—Reuter.

## Cricket

### TRANSVAAL HELD BY TOURISTS

M.C.C. Had Worse  
Of A Draw

Johannesburg, Dec. 19.  
The match between the M.C.C. tourists and Transvaal ended in a draw to-day, with honours in favour of the home side.

Transvaal declared their first innings at 228 for eight wickets (Viljoen 97, Langton 55). The tourists replied with 208, of which Leslie Ames made 109 in a magnificent innings of 155 minutes in the course of which he hit two sixes and five fours.

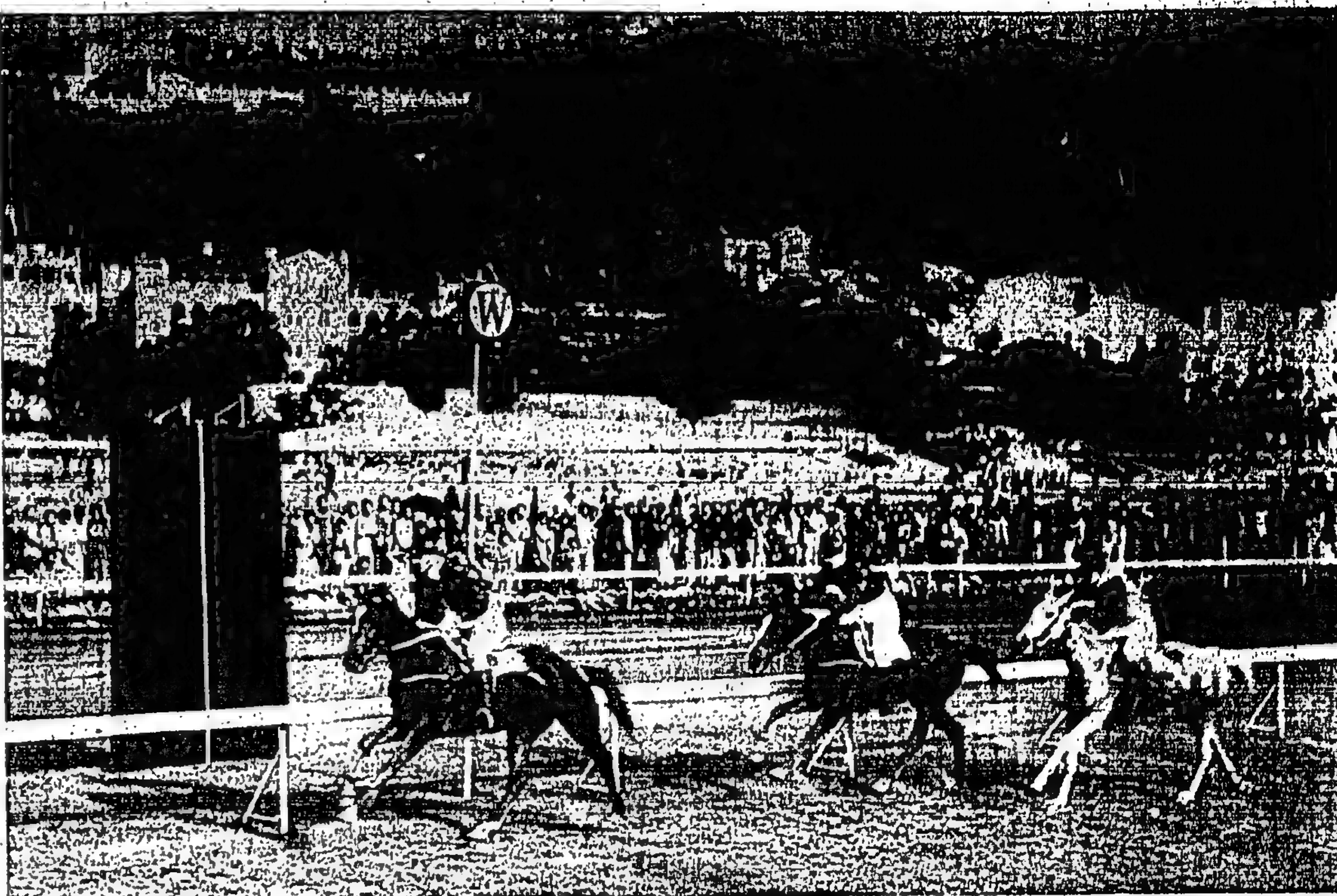
The M.C.C. batsmen collapsed against the fast bowling of Davies, who took six wickets for 82 runs. Against the M.C.C. "tail," he took his last four wickets for only 19 runs.

Batting again, Transvaal had made 174 for two wickets when stumps were drawn. Curran was top-scorer with 51.—Reuter.

## BADMINTON TIE FOR TO-NIGHT

The match in the "A" Division Badminton League between the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and University "A" was not played last night, but will be decided this evening on the former's court.

## LUCKY LAD WINS QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONS



Picture here shows the case with which Lucky Lad, with Mr. V. V. Needs up, won the Queensland Autumn Champions on Saturday when the last extra race-meeting of the season was held. Lucky Lad paid \$39.20 for a win. The overwhelming favourite, Courtling Eve, went lame and Lancashire Chips, the second favourite, was beaten into second place.—Photo by A. V. Wong.

## Here And There With "Abe"

### Football Also Has Its Uncertainties As Well

CRICKETERS may keep on talking about uncertainties of their game, but quite often even soccerists have their turn to do the talking in this respect. The week-end programme provided two striking instances. When the South China "A" met the Royal Scots at Soekunpo in the opening match of the season, the Chinese won by 10-0, displaying an all-round superiority which made the Scots look like a third-rate team. Yet on Saturday, the South China "A," playing on their own ground at Caroline Hill, were beaten by a goal to nil by the Scots in the return encounter. Though I stated on Saturday that the Chinese would not have things their own way, I confess I did not expect that the Scots would be able to turn the tables on the Caroline Hill side so completely. Apparently, the Chinese themselves were of the same opinion as myself, for, secure in the knowledge of their superiority, they did not field their full side—and paid the penalty. Fortunately for their hopes in the championship race, the Royal Navy also failed, though it was only a partial failure. Expected to beat Kowloon, whom they had trounced earlier in the season, the sailors could do no better than draw, and therefore are still a point behind South China "A."

Colony there were many players of the game entirely new to players in Hongkong. We had heard of the "stopper" but had never seen one here until Whittaker showed us the uses of the "third back." Also, it had never struck local backs that an easy way of getting out of a tight corner is to pass the ball back to the goal-keeper. The Islingtonians taught how to do it, and now this is becoming quite common in local matches. Furthermore, before the Islingtonians came, we had never seen such fine and close co-ordination between half-backs and inside-forwards. Now we begin to appreciate how attacking movements should be initiated, although very few local teams have yet been able to develop that fine understanding or display between the Islington "Corinthians" half-backs and their forwards. But we are learning, and the time will come, no doubt, when our halves play a greater attacking part in our matches.

## Hecht Turns "Pro"

LADISLAUS Hecht, the young Czech Davis Cup player, has joined the ranks of the professional, according to a Trans-Ocean cable published yesterday. He has reportedly signed a contract with the Donalduge-Elkworth firm, one of the leading world players.



Hecht.

negligible. Hecht and Roderick Menzel have been the mainstay of the Czech team for years, but Menzel, who is a Sudeten German, has been reclaimed by the Reich. Now even Hecht is gone. Both Menzel and Hecht are well-known in Hongkong, having passed through two years ago. They gave a sparkling exhibition on the Hongkong C.C. during their short stay in the Colony.

## Mixed Doubles Title

CONGRATULATIONS to W. A. H. ("Slick") Duff and Miss Ann Taylor on their success in the Colony Mixed Doubles tennis championship. Their victory in the final, played at the Chinese R.C. on Saturday, over Comdr. Kennedy and Miss Madge Griffiths was well-deserved, as they were the better balanced pair. While Kennedy and Miss Griffiths were very steady, it was Duff and Miss Taylor, who were the more brilliant and the more liable to pull out a winning shot. Duff, of course, has not been in Hongkong for long, but he is already a well-known figure here.

## May Visit Us Again

MANY soccer enthusiasts in Hongkong still recall with pleasure the visit paid us by the Islington Corinthians at the beginning of the year in the course of their tour round the world. They will no doubt be glad to hear that there is a distinct possibility of the famous amateur English football team being with us again in 1940. It has been reported that the Islington Corinthians are making negotiations for more tours, and according to the Rangoon Times, they have written to the Burma Athletic Association on the subject and will be given to understand that they will be welcome if they could go to Burma in September or October of that year in the course of their tour to the Far East.

## No News Yet

SO far Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, of the South China Athletic Association, who arranged for the visit of the amateurs to the Colony early this year, has not heard from Mr. Tom Smith, manager of the Islington team. But Mr. Wong told me yesterday, before Mr. Smith left, he said he would do his best to bring another team out to the East in 1940. It may be that Mr. Smith is now sort of feeling his way around. He is probably writing to the various soccer associations in the Colony in which he intends to travel, to obtain reaction to the scheme, and if they are favourable, he will then commence arrangements. Hongkong, I feel sure, will be pleased to see them here again.

## Left Their Mark

ANY keen student of the game cannot have failed to notice that the Islington Corinthian team has left its mark in local football. Before the amateurs played in the

## Met Three Times Without Result In The F.A. Cup

London, Dec. 19.  
Meeting to-day for the third time in the second round of the F.A. Cup, Halifax and Mansfield were still unable to arrive at a decision.

In the first match played between the two teams, at Halifax, the result was a 1-1 draw. At Mansfield last week, each side scored three goals, but although extra time was played, there was no decision.

To-day, neither side was able to score when they met at Doncaster. Extra time again failed to produce goals.—Reuter.

Some years ago, he represented Canada in the Davis Cup competition, and more recently he has been winning tennis laurels in Shanghai. Three or four years ago, he was on a visit to the Colony during the grass-court championships at the Hongkong C.C., and was induced to join. But midway through the tournament, when it was obvious that there was nobody in Hongkong who could approach him in singles play, he was recalled to Shanghai. Otherwise the Hongkong title would have been added to his long string of victories.

## Farr Slips Again

IF Tommy Farr beat Lou Nova, he will come home at Christmas or very shortly afterwards. Thus a recent message from England. But Farr was beaten by Nova in their bout, which took place last Friday. Is he now returning home? It will cost him £750 to fight again in England, if the award of the British Boxing Board of Control of that Promoter Sydney Halls stands up in law. The award was made in connection with the Farr-Schmeling match which never took place, and in consequence of the award not being paid, Farr, the Board claims, has been suspended everywhere except the place where he is doing all his fighting—New York State, where the wit of Mike Jacobs indubitably runs. Why the visit home of Farr is contingent on his beating Nova is rather puzzling. Possibly the explanation is that he is by nature a thrifty man, and defeat by this newcomer to the Jacobs circus would wipe out all chance of another contest with Joe Louis. If and when Farr comes home, however, we may expect to hear his name put forward as an opponent for the new British champion, Len Harvey. Farr would still be a big attraction if he chose to enter a British ring again, in spite of his many defeats recently. After all, he did relinquish his British title without being beaten.

## A Cue Described

FOR the first time in the 307-year history of billiards, the shape and size of a billiard cue were laid down recently. The Control Council of the Billiards Association, meeting in London, passed this law: "A billiard cue as recognised by the Billiards Association and Control Council shall be not less than three feet in length and shall show no substantial departure from the traditional and generally accepted shape and form." The reason for this law was the use by Alce Brown of a "fountain pen" cue, five inches long, in a match against Tom Newman recently. The story of the incident appears elsewhere in this issue.

## 4-Inch "Cue" Causes Snooker Scene

London, Nov. 15.  
Alce Brown, playing Tom Newman in the Gold snooker tournament at Thurston's, London, yesterday, issued a practical challenge on "What is a billiards cue?" by pulling a four-inch cue like a fountain-pen from his waistcoat pocket, chalking one end, and using it to make a difficult stroke.

Newman, staggered, turned to Charles Chambers, the referee, and said: "I say, he can't do that."

Brown asked: "Why not? It's a cue. It has a tip. There is no definition of a cue in the rules."

A spectator called: "What is the rule? Read us the rule."

Chambers turned up the rules and read Rule 6—"All strokes must be made with the tip of the cue."

He then penalised Brown seven points, declaring that the "fountain-pen" was not a cue within the meaning of the rules.

Brown said afterwards: "The rules do not define the size or shape of a cue."

"Nearly every enthusiast has a short cue to use in awkward spots. I have been carrying this pocket cue, which is properly tipped (and has a gold fountain-pen clip and band) for eighteen months. I have

used it elsewhere without having a foul given against me." Chambers said: "In my opinion this fountain-pen instrument is a travesty of a cue. It is against the spirit of the game. 'Why, they'll be turning up with croquet mallets next.' It is expected that a rule saying what a cue is will result from Brown's action."

## WOULD YOU CALL THIS A BILLIARD CUE?



## SEABISCUIT VOTED BEST RACE-HORSE

New York, Dec. 12.  
Charles S. Howard, Seabiscuit, conqueror of War Admiral in one of the most spectacular match races in turf history, to-day was proclaimed the outstanding race horse of 1938 in a nation-wide poll of sports writers in the United States conducted by the Turf and Sports Digest of Baltimore.

The rugged five-year-old son of Hard Tack and Swing On was named champion over Samuel Riddle's Man-O-War's four-years-old son, War Admiral, who last year just bent Seabiscuit for the season's highest turf honours.—United Press.



This picture shows how the balls were placed when Alce Brown used his "fountain pen" cue. Cue ball is tucked into pack of reds, and black—only playable colour—on top cushion.

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# 'New Order' In China: Japanese Excuses

TOKYO, Dec. 19. RECEIVING SOME FIFTY foreign correspondents this afternoon for the first time since his resumption of the Foreign Affairs portfolio in October last, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hachiro Arita, issued the following statement.

"As has been made clear by the statement of November 3, by the Japanese Government, what Japan desires is the establishment of a new order which will ensure the permanent stability of East Asia, or in other words, the establishment of a relationship of mutual helpfulness and co-ordination between Japan, Manchukuo and China in political, economic and cultural fields.

"That the formation of a closely co-operative relationship between the three countries is an imperative necessity is explained by the fact that it is, in its political aspect, a measure of self-defence against the Communist menace and of safeguarding the civilisation and culture of the Orient, and in its economic aspect, a measure of self-preservation in the presence of a world-wide tendency to erect high customs barriers and to employ economic measures for political ends.

**SEMI-COLONIAL STATUS**  
"It is not only of benefit to the Chinese people themselves but to the whole of East Asia to lift China from its present semi-colonial status to the position of a modern State.

"The establishment of a new order, that is, of a relationship of mutual aid and co-ordination between Japan, Manchukuo and China simply signifies the creation of a solidarity between these three countries for the common purpose of preserving the integrity of East Asia while enabling each nation to maintain its independence and fully to develop its individuality.

**INFLEXIBLE RESOLUTION**  
"It is the firm conviction of Japan that the establishment of such a new order will be perfectly in consonance with international justice and will contribute towards the peace and tranquillity of East Asia. It is her inflexible resolution to carry out this policy in this era.

"The new order envisages a certain degree of economic cohesion and co-operation between Japan, Manchukuo and China and the formation of a single economic unit in the presence of similar units which already exist elsewhere and which are both powerful and self-sufficient. "At the moment, not a few observers are inclined to feel as though Japan, by the inauguration of the so-called Japan-Manchukuo-China economic bloc, were arriving at the exclusion from East Asia of all enterprises, capital investments, trade and other economic activities on the part of foreigners.

"It is quite regrettable that some such view is to be seen reflected in the comments of various newspapers and magazines published in Europe and America.

**"EQUALITY"**  
"Japan has long stoutly upheld before all the world the principle of 'equality in commercial opportunity' though, as a matter of fact, that principle has received scant regard elsewhere, and Japanese products of good quality and moderate price have everywhere been subjected to discriminatory treatment.

"Japan nevertheless believes that the way to bring about the prosperity of each and every nation is to give effect to the principle of equality, and she upholds freedom of economic activity in all parts of the world as a matter of principle.

"It is far from Japan's thought to aim at excluding European and American economic activities from East Asia.  
"It is imperative, however, that the economic activities of other Powers should be subject to certain restrictions dictated by the requirements of the national defence and economic security of these countries grouped under the new order, and that no political privileges should be attached to these activities.

"But even if these restrictions are put in force there will remain vast fields of commercial and economic activity open to the peoples of other Powers.

"The formation of an economic co-partnership of nations, such as is contemplated for Japan, Manchukuo and China would by no means entail any diminution of trade between that group and other countries.

"In this connection I might add a few words regarding Manchukuo. To say that this new State has been closed to Powers other than Japan is a gross misstatement, for statistics show plainly the progressive increase that has characterised the foreign trade of Manchukuo during the past few years.

## FUNERAL OF MR. AND MRS. J. S. WHITE

Following the death in Kowloon Hospital on Sunday morning of Mr. James S. White, former Chief Engineer of the steamer Fook On, Mrs. White, his wife, passed away suddenly at the same hospital early yesterday morning.

The funeral of both Mr. and Mrs. White took place yesterday at the Protestant Cemetery, the Rev. Cyril Brown officiating.

In addition to the chief mourners, Mr. Frank W. White, those present at the service were Messrs. A. Joulie, E. Zimmermann, H. Gubbay, S. MacNider, T. Bolt, E. Pelter, W. E. Kirby, O. M. Onar, E. Wong, H. Kew, W. Broadbridge, E. F. Fincher, E. Humphreys, F. Wong, T. A. Nicholas, Capt. G. A. Frew, Capt. T. Jones, Capt. C. R. Benstead, G. Buchanan, A. H. Brown, F. Schneppel, D. Knox, W. Knox, I. Allen, G. Winch, J. Willis, E. Brown, F. Brown, Dr. F. I. Souza, Mr. and Mrs. C. Becker, Misses F. Wong, E. Bliss, E. Bank and many others.

Floral tributes were sent as follows:— "To dearest Mum and Dad" also wreaths from Betty, George and John, H. Abraham, Clara Pereira, Edith Hobbs, Capt. and Mrs. Lohovosky, Mr. and Mrs. Power, Mrs. K. Meyer and Kenneth, G. Halligan, Mrs. Murray, Ellen and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Charrington, Mr. and Mrs. Chan Wing-fat, Mr. and Mrs. Poon Shing-wing, Mrs. Peter Chan, Mrs. Ray Poon, Andrew Chan, Mr. Lee, G. Hue, A. Chung, M. Lok, Mrs. H. W. Roy, J. Pestonjee, W. C. Law, W. Knox, H. Q. Hunt, Miss D. Lo, Neil Lang, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sing, Mrs. J. Broadbridge and family, Paul Pong, Mrs. and Mrs. A. Pike and family, J. Horowitz, Mrs. Chan and family, I. M. Singh, Mrs. Loh and family, Mrs. and Mrs. V. V. V. and Mrs. A. G. F. Prew, Mrs. A. M. Matthews, D. H. Knox, A. H. O'Connell, Cheung Tak-chun, N. de Cruz Sequeira, M. Churn, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gregory and family, H. E. Gubbay and family, M. Sam and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sheu, Mrs. A. Spradbery and family, T. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. A. Urquhart, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McKee, Dr. F. I. Souza, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pelter, A. E. P. Gurn, A. Joulie, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Osborne and family.

The "Cardinals", St. Andrew's Badminton Girls, St. Andrew's Hockey Girls, Staff of the Diocesan Girls' School, Class V. Renown, St. Andrew's School, Committee and members of St. Andrew's Club, Kwong Loong Shipyard, Captain and Officers of m.v. Fook On, Sienn Laundry Co., and staff, Watchmen of the Gloucester Hotel, Kowloon Hospital, Gloucester Institute of Engineering and Shipbuilders, Hongkong Chapter, Manager and staff of Sallara Home and "Sunrise" Institute, Marine Engineers Guild of China, May's Shipyard, Society of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Lammie Brothers Committee and members of the Gloucester Club, 1st Department of the Gloucester Hotel, All ranks No. 3 (M.G.) Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, and many others.

## Yangtze Gunboats En Route To S'hai

Shanghai, Dec. 19. H.M.S. Gnat broke down en route to Wuhu, but it is expected that the repairs will take only a few hours. The remainder of the gunboats will remain behind until the repairs are effected.

H.M.S. Mantle and Pelerel are expected in Shanghai on December 24, while U.S.S. Monocacy, which is stopping over to re-fuel at Kiukiang, will arrive on Christmas Day.—*Reuter*.

## JAPANESE CONVOY

Shanghai, Dec. 19. The U.S.S. Guam, H.M.S. Mantle, Pelerel, Tern and Gnat proceeded down river from Hankow at 7.10 a.m. today accompanied by Japanese gunboats. They are due to leave Kiukiang to-morrow together with H.M.S. Cockchafer and U.S.S. Monocacy.—*United Press*.

## Ciano Welcomed In Hungarian Capital

Budapest, Dec. 19. Unity in the Berlin-Rome axis is the keynote of the welcome given Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, by the Hungarian press today, which makes no mention of Hungarian claims for Ruthenia, or the other controversial issues likely to disturb the harmony of the axis power.

It is generally expected that Count Ciano will stress the necessity of Germany and Italy pursuing an identical policy in Central Europe. It is emphasised in political quarters that Hungary is determined further to follow the political guidance of the axis Powers, to which she owes her recent territorial gains.—*United Press*.

## NEW DUTCH CONSUL

Dr. W. Huender, newly appointed Consul-General of the Netherlands to the Philippines has arrived in Manila. He is the first Dutch Consul-General there, his Government having only recently decided to raise the Dutch Consulate in Manila to that rank. The new Consul arrived from Heligoland, where he was the Consul for the Netherlands. Mr. A. J. D. Steenstra, who has been in charge of the Dutch Consulate in Manila for the past year, expects to be transferred to another post within a few months.

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Bank	\$1,340 a.
H.K. Bank, Ltd.	\$704 a.
Chartered	\$204 a.
Mercantile, A. & B.	\$274 a.
Mercantile, C.	\$13 n.
East Asia	\$88 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton	\$210 a.
Union	\$403 a.
China Underwriters	75 cts.
H.K. Fire	\$182 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	\$501 b.
Steamboats	\$18 a.
Indo-China, D.	\$60 n.
Indo-China, D.	\$24 n.
Shell Bangers	\$2/5 n.
Waterboats	\$9 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	\$117 a.
Docks (old)	\$184 a.
Docks (new)	\$174 a.
Providents (old)	\$6.35 a.
Providents (new)	\$6.35 a.
New Eng. Sh.	\$5.60 a.
Shin. Docks, Sh.	\$100 n.
Kallan	\$17/6n. xd.
Rauha	\$9.35 n.
Venz: Goldfield	\$3 n.
Hongkong Mines	7 1/2 cts. n.

MINING	
Antoniols	P. 40 a.
Altois	P. 24 a.
Bugabo Gold	P. 23 a.
Benguet Con.	P. 12.50 a.
Coco Grove	P. 40 1/2 a.
Con. Mines	P. —
Demonstrations	P. 27 a.
I.X.L.	P. 60 a.
Gumaua	P. 13 a.
San Mauricio	P. 170 a.
Suyor Consol.	P. —
Paracutes	P. 58 a.

LANDS	
Hotels	\$6.75 a.
Land	\$354 a.
Land	4% deb. 107 1/2 a.
Sh. Land	\$9.40 a.
Humphreys	\$5 a.
H.K. Rentals	\$5 a.
Chinese Estates	\$80 n.

UTILITIES	
Trans.	\$17 b.
Peak Trams (old)	\$64 a.
Peak Trams (new)	\$34 a.
Star Ferries	\$71 1/2 b.
Y. Ferries (old)	\$22 1/2 a.
Y. Ferries (new)	\$22 1/2 a.
China Lights (old)	\$10.30 n.
China Lights (new)	\$10 n.
H.K. Electric	\$58 n.
Macao Electric	\$17 1/2 n.
Sandokan Lights	\$104 a.
Telephone (old)	\$23.50 n.
Telephone (new)	\$8.00 n.
Traction	21/2 n.
Singapore Pref.	25/ n.

INDUSTRIAL	
Cald: Maag, (ord.)	\$14 n.
Cald: Maag, (Pre.)	\$13 n.
Canton Ice	\$1.70 n.
Cements	\$15.80 n.
Hopes	\$4.25 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	\$24.60 n.
Watsons	\$7.45 a.
Crawfords	\$8 a.
Sinacres	\$2 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	\$36 n.
Powell, Ltd.	90 cts. n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Cotton Sh.	\$10.40 n.
Shui Cotton Sh.	\$100 n.
Zong Sing	\$24 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh.	\$40 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments	\$6.40 b.
Constructions	\$1 1/4 a.
Vibro Piling	\$7 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1928	74 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% 1928	74 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% 1928	74 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Lon.)	15/6 n.
Marsmans (H.K.)	3/ n.

## U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

### LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York Cotton	
	New York, Dec. 19.
	Opening Closing
Jan. (1939)	8.22/22 8.29/30
Mar. (1939)	8.19/19 8.27/27
May (1939)	8.01/01 8.07/10
July (1939)	7.72/72 7.80/82
Oct. (1939)	7.44/44 7.55/55
Dec. (1939)	7.46/46 7.58/58
Spot	8.72/28m.

New York Rubber	
	New York, Dec. 19.
December	10.42N
Mar. (1939)	10.25/24 10.33/35
May	10.19/20 10.30/31
September	10.30/31
October	10.30/30
Sales for the day	3,010 tons.

Chicago Wheat	
	Chicago, Dec. 19.
December	84 3/8 84 3/4
May	80 3/8 80 3/4
July	80 3/8 80 3/4
Saturday's Sales	8,401,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn	
	Chicago, Dec. 19.
December	50 1/2 50 3/4
May	52 1/2 52 3/4
July	53 3/4 53 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat	
	Winnipeg, Dec. 19.
December	50 1/2 50 3/4
May	52 1/2 52 3/4
July	53 3/4 53 1/2

## Lost Overboard Near Singapore

New York, Dec. 19. The offices of MacFadden Publications have advised that Mr. James Williamson, their European general manager, and promotion manager stationed in London, disappeared from a ship en route from London to Singapore, after attending a fancy dress ball on board the liner.—*Reuter*.

## Woman Loved Psychologist

# Chose To Die Where Man had To Pass

A WOMAN'S infatuation for a director of a psychology club in Belgravia was mentioned at an inquest in Ilford recently on Sarah Margaret Burbidge, aged thirty-six.

Two days before Miss Burbidge jumped in front of a train at Barking, Essex, she had told an aunt, Mrs. Owen, of East Ham, that she would die at a spot where the man had to pass.

To this, her aunt told the coroner, she had replied: "How foolish, for one man, when there are millions of nice men!"

The dead woman's brother said his sister, formerly governess with a titled family, was a member of the Psychology Activities Club, of Grosvenor-crescent S. W., and did a great deal of work for a director, Mr. Alfred J. Collier.

"She told me she was terribly fond of him," he said. She said they used to embrace "quite a lot," and she had shown him parts of letters Collier had written. One passage was, "If you have lost faith in me I have not lost faith in you."

That had reference to another girl in the club, Mr. Collier was seen out with this girl and his sister resented it.

**"NEVER IN LOVE"**  
Mr. Burbidge said that about three years ago Mr. Collier used to send his sister three or four letters a day, but recently he had written about once a week. He did not think Mr. Collier reciprocated his sister's affection.

Mr. Alfred J. Collier, of Ilford, a schoolmaster, said he was never in love with Miss Burbidge. "In any sense whatever," he denied he wrote to her three or four times a day, and said the letters he did write were written only because he knew she was lonely and he wanted to help her.

He had to prevent her from monopolising his time after club meetings, and on one occasion when she wanted to accompany him to Liverpool Street he had to escape into a restaurant and remain there an hour.

The coroner: Did she complain to you that you had dropped her for Betty?

Mr. Collier: I do not remember anything about that.

The coroner said there was no reason to blame Mr. Collier. The woman appeared to be in love with him. A verdict of "Suicide while the balance of the mind was disturbed" was returned.

## Don't Show This To The Wife

"WOMEN are far more advanced in evolutionary status than men, and are superior to them in every way."  
Who said that? A militant feminist?

No. It is the considered opinion of famous United States doctors and professors. And they are all men!

They were attending a meeting of the American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia recently.

"Of course women are more highly evolved than men," declared Professor Raymond Pearl, of Johns Hopkins University. "There's no question about it. 'From a biological standpoint they are better than men' in every way."

"They have a lower infant mortality, are healthier, and live longer than men."  
And everybody present agreed with him.

## SIGN LANGUAGE

### MARRIAGE OF DEAF AND DUMB COUPLE

A deaf and dumb couple, Mr. W. F. Piper and Miss Grace Adler, were married at St. Saviour's Church, Westgate-on-Sea, recently.

The couple met at the Margate Deaf and Dumb Club a year ago, and Mr. Piper, a twenty-eight-year-old London baker and confectioner, proposed in the sign language.

The service was conducted by the vicar of Westgate, and interpreted to the bride and bridegroom by signs.

## Bus Driver Fined

### Dangerous Driving In Controlled Area

On the complaint of Mr. H. G. Williams, a bus driver, Chan Shun-gau, was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday for having driven a motor bus in Nathan Road near the Majestic Theatre in a manner dangerous to the public.

Mr. Williams said he was driving in the controlled area of Nathan Road on the morning of November 21 when a motor bus passed him on the near side at a speed of about 30 miles an hour. Further up the road, the bus nearly collided with another car.

Chan was fined \$30, and was cautioned, on two further summonses for having failed to produce his licence when asked to do so by a police officer on November 21, and having a lamp showing a lamp showing to the front a white light on the night of November 23.

## FOREIGN WARSHIPS

### Breakdown of H.M.S. Gnat On Yangtze

Hankow, Dec. 19. Five British and American gunboats, including H.M.S. Mammoth, left here at 8 o'clock this morning. They will be joined at Kiukiang by H.M.S. Cockchafer and the American gunboat Monocacy en route to Shanghai.

Japanese warships are escorting the foreign warships from Hankow to Shanghai.—*Domest*.

## Gnat's Breakdown

Shanghai, Dec. 19. A Japanese naval spokesman said that the Gnat had a breakdown near Hwanfeng, 50 miles below Hankow, whereupon the whole convoy was tied up overnight but they expect to proceed to Kiukiang to-morrow.—*United Press*.

## Arrival in Hankow

Hankow, Dec. 19. The Oahu, two British, and one Italian gunboats arrived at here on Saturday at 3.40 p.m., escorted by three Japanese mine-sweepers. The gunboats spent an hour at Kiukiang, where missionaries visited the warships and received some mail.

Lieut.-Commander C. R. Jeffs of the Oahu said the gunboats opened fire "a couple of times," firing at the landscape on Barker Island, 25 miles above Wuhu. The gunboats also fired and sank one mine, 40 miles above Wuhu.—*United Press*.

## Some for Shanghai

Hankow, Dec. 19. Moving down river for the first time since the hostilities began, four British gunboats steamed out of Hankow under Japanese escort for points down river at dawn this morning. Of the four vessels which moved off, the Mantle and Pelerel will go to Shanghai, while the Tern will remain at Nanking and the Gnat at Wuhu. Rear-Admiral Holt was among these aboard.

The gunboats Cricket and Aphid, which arrived in Hankow from points down river on December 17, formally took over duties in Hankow at midnight.—*Reuter*.

## TEMPERS RUN HIGH

### Dispute Follows Basketball Game at Y.M.C.A.

Excitement was caused outside the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, last night when the Police Emergency Unit was called out to attend to a huge crowd that had gathered outside the Y.M.C.A. and was on the point of fighting.

The excitement was over a basketball game between the Mui Fong and Chi Hang girls. The game ended in favour of the latter team, but the supporters of the other side claimed that the referee had allowed extra time when he should have sounded the whistle and closed the game in favour of the Mui Fong team.

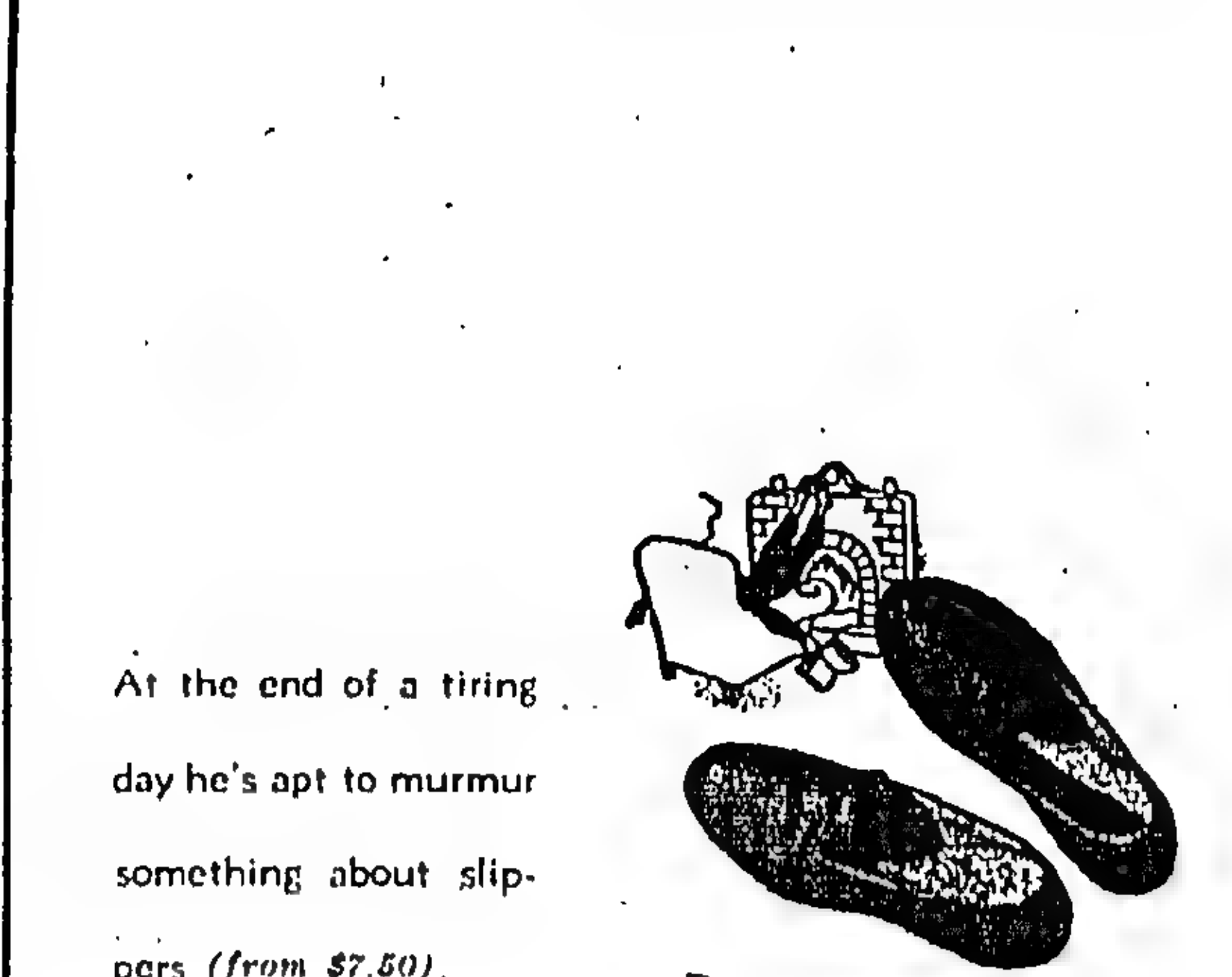
When the Emergency Unit arrived on the scene, matters were growing serious, but the crowd was soon dispersed and the captains of both teams and the referee were taken to Central where the matter was amicably settled.

A return match, it is said, will decide the argument.

## Cloves Act As Barometer

Sydney, Australia. A family here has a novel barometer in the shape of a small model ship made entirely of cloves strung together by fine wire. The ship was brought from the cloves-producing centre in the South Sea Islands. With every change of weather, the scent of the cloves changes. It becomes fainter or stronger according to the degree of dampness in the air.

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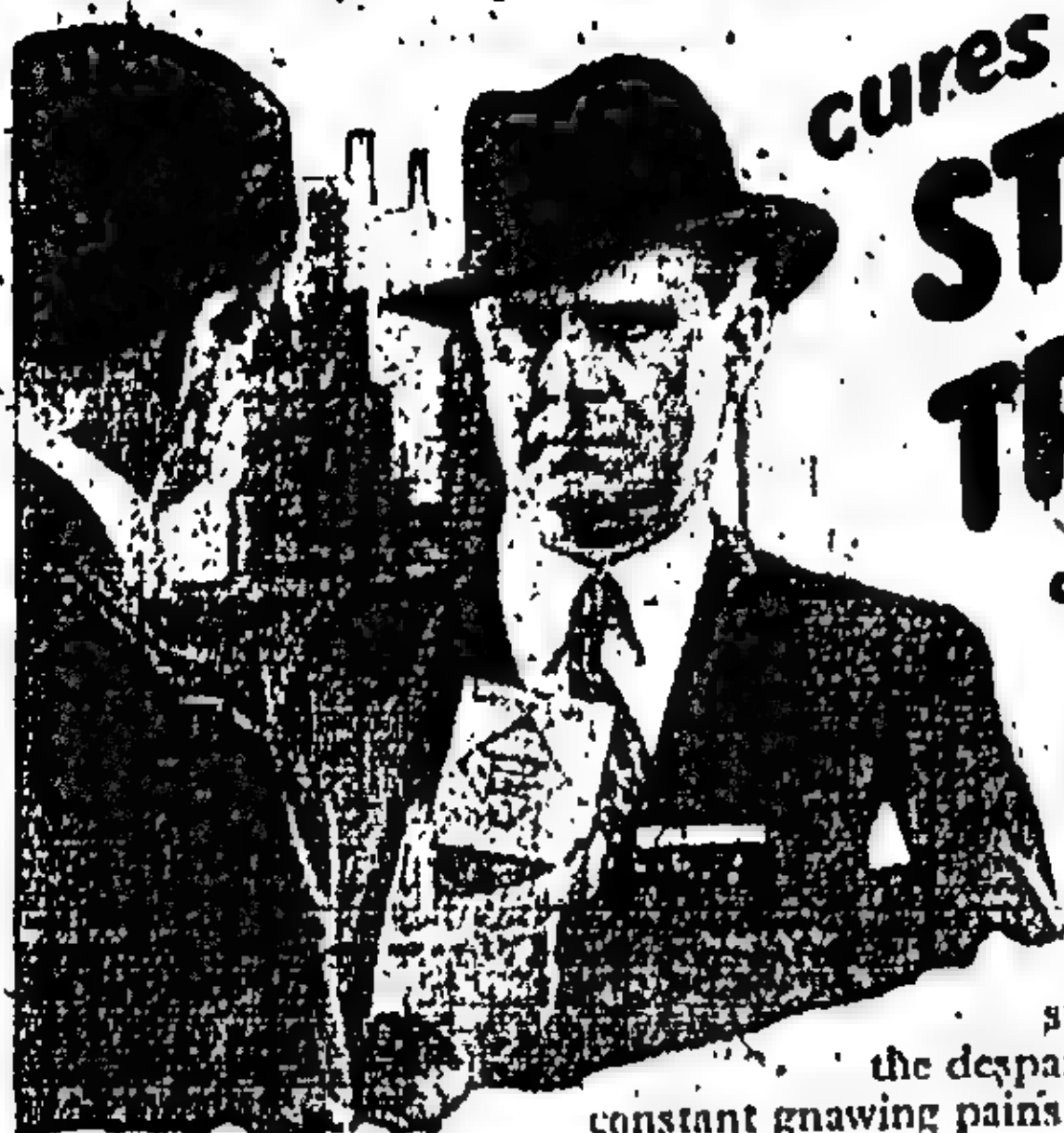
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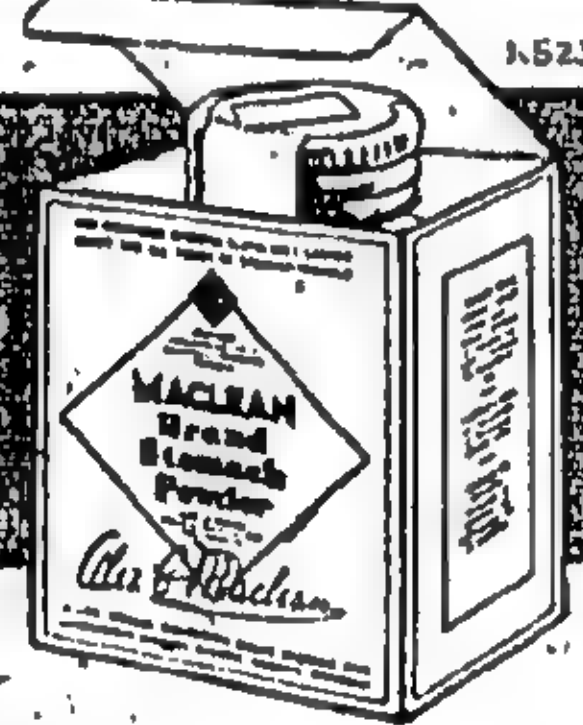
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# SEVEN BROTHERS MEET AFTER 24 YEARS

## Then part again for 12 months

SEVEN brothers held a farewell party in London recently at the close of their first reunion since war parted them in 1914.

After the party they went back to their jobs. They will not all meet again until Armistice Sunday next year.

The brothers, named Frenthy, were born in Winchelsea-road, Rye, Sussex. They marched in parade with their war medals and attended the anniversary service at Rye parish church, where they were christened.

### THE SAME FRONT

George, the eldest, who is fifty-five, is a berthing steward. Fred is blunter to a London doctor.

Edward is a Blackpool Corporation employee, Albert is a power-station attendant, Alf is a porter. William is a dealer at Covent Garden market, and Charles is a driver in the London Fire Brigade.

Fred said: "I stayed with the Army after the war and George was at sea. We went all over the world. We were all on the Western front during the war, but never once did all of us meet."

"Once at Ypres in 1914 I heard Bill's voice in the dark. He was swearing."

"I called out 'Hallo, Bill. He shouted back, 'Hallo, Fred, but we didn't see each other.'"

## Ban On Gretna Weddings

THE abolition of irregular marriages by declaration, the form employed at Gretna, is the aim of a bill presented in the House of Lords by Lord Strathcona, Under-Secretary for War.

Entitled the Marriage (Scotland) Bill, it gives effect to recommendations made by a committee which investigated the marriage laws of Scotland.

The report of this committee, over which Lord Morison presided, was presented to Parliament in January, 1937.

The bill provides a new form of regular marriage in the office of a registrar of births, deaths and marriages. The Registrar-General will authorise particular registrars to officiate at such marriages, for which there will be a fee of 5s.

A sheriff is empowered to issue a licence for a marriage, either religious or civil, in cases where it is not possible to secure proclamation of banns or publication of notice till after the day on which it is intended that the marriage should take place.

The sheriff's licence would also apply in cases where there is reasonable excuse for failure to secure proclamation or publication in time.

All marriages in the office of a registrar will be registered forthwith, and the difficulties which at times arise from failure to secure registration of irregular marriages will be obviated.

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Colonel Fulgencio Batista, Chief of Staff of the Cuban Army, as he arrived at Miami, Fla., for his visit as guest of General Main Craig, American Chief of Staff. Left to right: Mrs. Teresa Benrila of Miami, Senora Batista, Cuban Ambassador Martinez Fraga, Colonel Batista and Colonel Owen Parr, Batista's aide.



With the retirement on January 1 of Homer S. Cummings as United States Attorney General, observers generally agree that Robert H. Jackson, above, Solicitor General, will be his successor, although President Roosevelt has not given any such indication. Mr. Cummings retires to private life.

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## FOREIGN ATHLETES CATCHING UP WITH AMERICAN STARS

## Track And Field Events Will Be More Even Now

(By Jack Cuddy, United Press Staff Correspondent)

**New York, Nov. 20.**  
Are foreign athletes catching up with Americans?

Next month sports writers will give off their annual round-ups of achievements in the various departments of athletics during the year. And when the writing lads come to the subject of track and field, we can expect surprise in many quarters and possibly some viewing with alarm.

The panorama of men's track and field will be quite important, giving us a picture of the American athletes—and the foreign—who will start grooming during 1939 for the Olympic Games, at Helsinki, Finland, in 1940.

The United States have been supreme in men's track and field events at the Olympic since the first modern games were held at Athens in 1896. At the last Olympiad at Berlin in 1936, we ran away with the cinder and field events, winning a point total of 203 against 80½ for Finland, which came second. Germany, in third place, had 61 and a fraction.

There are indications now, however, that our competition will be much stiffer at Helsinki. A compilation of the world's best track and field performances for the current year reveals that American athletes no longer dominate the list as they did in the past.

**FOREIGNERS GO UP**  
A recent issue of the magazine "Amateur Athlete," official publication of the Amateur Athletic Union, shows that foreigners held the No. 1 positions in 11 of the 20 events included in the compilation.

The magazine stresses, "events that formerly were almost the exclusive property of the United States have passed across the seas—100 metres, 800 metres, 1,500 metres and two miles in the track tests, and shot, put, hammer throw and discus throw in the field events."

It points out that Sydney Wooderson of Great Britain is the only athlete to attain top ranking in two events. His world record of 1:49.4 in the 800-metre run and his 3:49 in the 1,500 gives him the lead in these two events. Had the 800-yard run been given separate attention instead of being included in with the 800-metre performances, Wooderson also would have been first there since he covered the half-mile in 1:49.2, also a world record.

Where we were once supreme in the hammer throw, we now have two Germans bettering American heaves for the year—Erwin Blask and Karl Hein.

**FASTEST HUMAN**  
Perhaps the most surprising revelation is that Oskarander, of the Netherlands turned in the fastest time for the 100 metres, an event which has been regarded as virtually the sole property of the land of "fastest humans."

Pekuri, Maki and Salminen of Finland registered the best clockings in the two-mile, 5,000-metre and 10,000-metre runs. Woelke of Germany had the best performance in the shot put. Nikkanen of Finland in the javelin throw. Oberwieser of Italy with the discus and Metcalfe of Australia in the hop, step and jump.

Personally I see no immediate cause for alarm in these foreign achievements for 1938, although they are a robust reminder that athletes abroad are improving rapidly and that Uncle Sam may have difficulty maintaining his Olympic supremacy in later Olympiads.

Foreign athletic officials have adopted American methods in selecting and training their track and field men. For many years our youngsters had a decided advantage in coaching in high school and college—particularly in college where the great game of football provides adequate financing for track and field teams.

**TECHNIQUE COPIED**  
But the foreigners have copied our technique—with movie cameras, and scouts. In foreign countries there is no football to provide big gates and funds for track coaches and training. But there are government subsidies, which apparently are being utilized in a big way particularly in Germany, Italy and Japan. Moreover, in England and France the American idea of "winning" rather than merely competing is permeating rapidly. The French, who didn't win a single point in men's track and field at the Berlin

## WEIGHT LIFTING RECORDS ARE BETTERED

The Third Weight Lifting Competition by the pupils of the Maurice College of Physical Culture was held in the College Gymnasium on Sunday, with more than a hundred pupils and friends attending.

The outstanding performance was that of Fung Shu-shit, 19 years of age and 110 lbs. body weight, who lifted 200 lbs. in the "Two Hands Clean and Jerk"; 145 lbs. in the "Two Hands Snatch"; and 300 lbs. in the "Two Hands Dead Lift." All the School records of the past 18 years were shattered by this athlete.

Prizes for the competitions and other outstanding performances during the year were distributed by Mrs. A. W. Woo. The following were the prize winners: Senior—Challenge Cup, Fung Shu-shit; Francis Young; Cheung Yum; Junior—Challenge Cup, Ip Man-wai; Liang Shau-hong; Ip Man-shing; Intermediate—Challenge Cup, Ip Man-shing; Liang Shau-hong; Ip Man-shing; First Prize—Yu Ping-lung, Ho Yat-wing, Woo Yin-kwong, Ip Man-wai, Ma Kai-shing, Ip Man-shing, Koo Yung-shun, Wen Wei-sun, Francis Reed, Wong Man-shing, S. A. Reed, Lo Wing-tai, Liang Shau-hong, Lam Hon-yuen, Albert Dore, Harry Gubbay and Chan Ping-pui. Certificates of Merit and Silver and Bronze Medals—Liang Shau-hong, Yu Ping-lung, Ho Yat-wing, Chan Ping-pui, Wong Man-shing, Cheung Yum, Francis Reed, Francis Young, Fung Shu-shit, Lam Yung-tai, Leung Chiu-shing, Ma Hon-yue.

The Lynn shield was won by Fung Shu-shit and Ip Man-wai.

## SCHOOLS COMPETITION

## Eliminating Rounds Held At Hongkong F.C. Yesterday

The third annual physical training competition open to the local Venetian Boys' Schools commenced at the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday, when 31 Hongkong schools took part in the eliminating rounds.

The Kowloon Schools will have their competition on the Kowloon Football Club ground to-day at 9 a.m. While the finals will take part at 11 a.m.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith will also be present. Teams from the following schools took part this morning: Chung Wa, Tai Tung, Tuen Man, Yeuk Chi, Fruit Dealers' Guild, Confucian Society, Tsung Tsin Association, Tak Ming, Fong Lam, Chi Keung, Kong Kiu, Lingnam, Branch, Roman Catholic Mission, Kim Sin, and the St. Louis Industrial School.

## FANLING BOGEY POOL

G. R. Razavet (23) and P. Jackson (20), two up, tied and divided the Bogey (Par) Pool competition played at Fanling over the week-end.



Commr. Kennedy and Miss MacGe Griffiths congratulating the winners, W. A. H. Duff and Miss A. Taylor, at the conclusion of the Mixed Doubles tennis final at the Chinese R.C. on Saturday. Duff and Miss Taylor won by scores of 6-4, 6-3.—Photo by Jaffer.

## National Theatre Will Plan Tours

THE Shakespeare Memorial National Theatre, to be erected on the South Kensington Island site opposite the Victoria and Albert Museum, will not be a Shakespeare Theatre in the ordinary meaning of the term.

This declaration is made by Mr. Geoffrey Whitworth, honorary secretary of the National Theatre Committee, in a new edition of "The Theatre of My Heart."

Mr. Whitworth writes: "Founded in the name of Shakespeare, the theatre will for the most part produce either new and original dramas or plays which, though they belong to the contemporary stage, are no longer in commission."

"At present the life of a new successful play is measured in months. The earlier comedies of Noel Coward, Somerset Maugham or Barrie are practically unknown to the younger generation of playgoers."

"And then, of course, there is the untold wealth of classical drama which is lost to the modern theatre. This vacuum will be filled by the National Theatre."

Of the Committee's wider aims the author mentions that the most successful productions will tour the chief cultural centres of Great Britain and the Empire.

## Army Tells Some Secrets

Mr. Hore-Bellish, the War Minister, opening a "Science in the Army" exhibition at South Kensington recently, said: "It is our ambition at the War Office to increase the interest of the public in its Army."

He added: "While, for reasons of secrecy, it is not possible to display the best illustrations we could give of our interest in science and our application of its researches, we trust that enough has been shown to

## SECOND ROUND OF RUGGER TOURNEY COMMENCES ON SATURDAY NEXT

## H.E. The Governor To Watch Game

On Saturday, December 24, the second round of the annual Rugby Football Triangular Tournament will commence, when the Club will play the Army, on the Club ground at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor has signified his intention of watching the game. The first round of the Tournament was completed last Saturday, when the Navy defeated the Army. At present the Navy have two wins to their credit, the Club one whilst the Army have twice suffered defeat.

The Army have been unfortunate this year in their matches. In the first game against the Club exchanges were very even during the first twenty minutes. The Army then lost their scrum half through injury and shortly afterwards a member of the pack had to leave the field. In the second half, another member of their pack was injured and became a passenger. Thus the Club, playing against virtually twelve men were able to score freely in the closing stages of the game. Against the Navy, the Army were again badly below strength and although their forwards played well, weakness behind the scrum led to another defeat. The injured have now recovered, and it is hoped that with a full side out against the Club a close and keen game will be enjoyed by both players and spectators on Saturday. Lt. Commander Linton will referee the game.

## TO-MORROW'S GAME

There will be a game of Rugby Football on the Club ground at Happy Valley to-morrow, when the Club "A" will play the S. A. A. Brigade. The match will commence at 4.45 p.m. The Club side has been selected as follows:

J. T. Brown; H. F. Hopkins, C. J. Powell; G. S. Wilson, D. I. Bosanquet; J. Hutchison, R. Rutherford; C. M. Stark; J. S. Dunnett (Captain); W. Stoker; E. A. Bompas; G. M. Morris; H. W. Henth, J. C. Menhinick and T. H. Pratt.

The second of its kind, a race up Taimoshan was held on Sunday, which attracted numerous entries, both men and women. The strenuous competition concluded in the following order:

## Cycling Club President Retires

Making his last appearance as President of the Club, H. A. G. Keates led Sunday morning's run, which started from Hennessy Road at 9.30 a.m. Reaching Shaukiwan, the party ran into misty rain, which, however, failed to dampen their spirits, and as a demonstration of this, an impromptu time trial over a course of 2 miles 5 furlongs was held on the Shekoi road under English unpedaled rules. In spite of the handicap of wet roads, full touring kit and small gears, the following times were returned:

1. Kam Yu-wah 8.14 10.12 m.p.h.  
2. Tang Wai-sun 9.30 10.40 m.p.h.  
3. Leung Yu-yee 9.10 10.80 m.p.h.  
4. Chan Yuang 9.14 17.05 m.p.h.  
5. Robert Yuen 8.13 10.10 m.p.h.  
6. H.A.G. Keates 7.07 22.13 m.p.h.  
\*These riders used ordinary machines.

Leung Yu-yee put up a fine initial effort on an ordinary machine, as his time included a stop to replace a derelict chain.

Continuing the run, Stanley turn was passed at 12.20 p.m., and by this time the rain showed signs of easing. On rapidly drying roads, the party gained Aberdeen at 12.50 p.m., collecting an additional contingent en route. A halt for refreshments detained the riders 40 minutes in the fishing village, before resumption of the final section. One party concluded the run via Jubilee Road to Kennedy Town, the other climbing up Pokfulam in order to disperse in Bonhom Road at 2 p.m.

## Tourist Time Trial Awards

Certificates gained by successful riders in the Club's recent Tourist Time Trial will be presented at the Y.M.C.A. (Chinese), Bridges Street, at 9.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20. Other Club fixtures for December include two training rides, the first leaving the Methodist Church, Hennessy Road, Wanchai, at 6 p.m. December 21 (20 miles), and the second from the Alhambra Theatre, Kowloon, at 9.30 a.m. December 28 (40 miles). A New Year's Eve Club-run is scheduled to leave the Alhambra at 11.30 p.m. December 31, and will conclude approximately an hour later.

The departure from the Colony of many Club members and officials, coupled with the resignation of the President, who has also finally retired from participation in competitive events and time trials, has necessitated a General Meeting in the very near future. Important changes in the Club's policy will be discussed, whilst arrangements for the Open 25 miles race to be held on February 5 of next year are also to be concluded. The retirement of Mr. H. A. G. Keates from the racing sphere has caused little surprise amongst local Club-men as he has been able to devote little time to preparation for trials or races during the last 16 months, owing to the exacting nature of his military duties. The brief periods he is able to spare in future will be given to organization work for the Club, and in his capacity as Adviser to the Cycling Section of the Y.M.C.A. (Chinese).

## FANCY DRESS SOCCER

A football match in which humorous incidents are expected to take place has been arranged for Christmas Day, kick-off at 4 p.m. at Caroline Hill. The players, Chinese and Europeans, will appear in fancy dress.

It is understood that the noted player, Lee Wai-long, has agreed to turn out for the Chinese team. Expenses are being shared by the teams and the entire proceeds will be devoted to the Hongkong Chinese Athletes Emergency Corps. Prices of admission will be \$2; \$1 and 50 cents.

## MOUNTAIN RACE Novel Competition Held Up Taimoshan

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# FASHION IN FULL DRESS

By Mary Grace



LOOK through the family album or at a picture of Queen Alexandra, and you will get a good notion of the latest vogue in evening wear. The romantic frock illustrated is straight from Paris, and will help you to formulate your ideas when deciding on a new evening dress.

I have enlisted Master Cupid's help in indicating clearly all the new fashion trends for the current season, as he is often busy during dancing time and at evening parties.

Firstly, the upward sweep of the hair gives a graceful pose, especially if you have a small head, topped, you'll notice, by a tulle bow that is much more fashionable than flowers or clips.

If you have a trim waist now is the time to flaunt it, as bodices are important and must be fitting. The fullness of the skirt comes from the hips, and not from the waist as it did last spring. Then there is the added fullness in the back to give the trim Edwardian line; almost for a time it looked as if it might develop into a bustle.

Sleeves full? Yes, but cut low on the shoulder with no high puff or stiffening. A frivolous little

must of gauged taffeta, velvet or, perhaps, entirely of flowers, but always with a slipped pocket in which to tuck away your special evening beauty aids.

In keeping with this trend, fuchsia and velvet tints lead the colour procession, followed by sapphire blue, red, and, of course, becoming black.

Pastel coloured and alive! moires, slipper satins, story book frocks with yards and yards of delicately tinted brocade in the skirt, figured poul de sole, chiffons and tulle all help to give the right feminine note that dominates the dance frocks of the season.

These new frocks need little jewellery, and even then it has an old-fashioned air. Gold bracelets are wide, or maybe a piece of black velvet joined by a tiny posy encircling the wrist.

Look in the family trinket box and see if you can find a large gold brooch or cameo—it will suit your dance frocks. Pearls or other necklaces are three stranded, or again you can wear black velvet with a diamond clip.

Earrings are small so as not to detract from the new coiffure, and here and there I see a fan, quite small, held between mitted fingers. I like this decorative, keep-cool notion.

## YOUR DAILY FACIAL EXERCISES

THE use of make-up, since such art of changing your expression by the adjuncts have ceased to be rendering your face soft and pliant. discouraged, has done much to give the muscles of your face require every woman a chance of looking every bit as much exercise as the beautiful, but there is one thing of muscles of your body, and should be paramount importance that may be exercised to prevent them becoming lacking, and at all events is too often stiff and immovable.

We are to-day showing tendencies towards imitation, and thus unavoidably becoming stereotyped in style and appearance. We should therefore cultivate facial expression so as not to lose our own individuality.

When you go to see a film in which some prominent actress is taking part, you notice how well she looks in every movement. Does it occur to you that every action is carefully studied and that she portrays the character in the film as much by her expression as the spoken word? In order to be the possessor of distinction do you ever study your own expression, endeavouring to change each fleeting look to suit each mood, or are you content to wear the same fixed look whatever you may be under-taking?

### Blank Looks

For instance, if you are a business girl employed in shop or office, do you when your chief speaks to you answer him back with a blank look, seemingly devoid of all intelligence, or do you receive his instructions with an expression of animated attention?

If you have not studied this all-important factor of your expression, you are not interested, your chief will think, no doubt, that you have no intention of trying to understand and carry out his wishes, and someone else, with more expression or who knows better how to use it, may get ahead of you.

In studying your face in front of a mirror you may be unpleasantly surprised to see that your natural expression does not convey at all of good temper, and fine lines round the mouth and eyes, generally alluded to as "crow's feet," far from that your face shows no sign of being a sign of age, give an expression of a genuine sense of genuine pleasure.

You may be feeling interest, concern, sadness, or pleasure, and yet when you study your looks, find that your expression does not alter, that not only will your face become flat, but that you do more mobile and expressive but will your other daily exercises give up assume infinitely more charm and a few moments to the exercising of dignity when in repose.

An Expert in Mime

## Choosing Clothes Should Husbands Help?

THE husband of the best-dressed best to guess what he admired in and happiest woman I know feminine wear and remember his helps to choose his wife's clothes! ideas when she went shopping. But the wife makes no secret of the often it was not so easy when she fact. Rather, she enjoys our ex-little hat looked lovely on her head, remarks: "Of course, John goes but she worried a bit in case her husband would not like it so much. shopping with me, for hats and suits. Not that he would have said anything and evening frocks, even for dress materials and paper patterns."

John is not one of those modern artistic beings who know more about everything than their wives. His taste is good, but no better than hers. His hobbies are the mainly ones of golf and gardening, and he is not fussy about the house. He is just an ordinary companionable husband who likes to see his wife looking smart and pretty, and takes a sensible interest in what she wears.

To remove white marks from furniture caused by hot dishes, first rub them in a circular motion with a cloth dipped in methylated spirits, and then apply olive oil, otherwise the spirits will remove all traces of polish. If necessary repeat the process next day.

Damp a soft leather with a little olive oil and rub all over, then finish off with a dry polishing cloth.

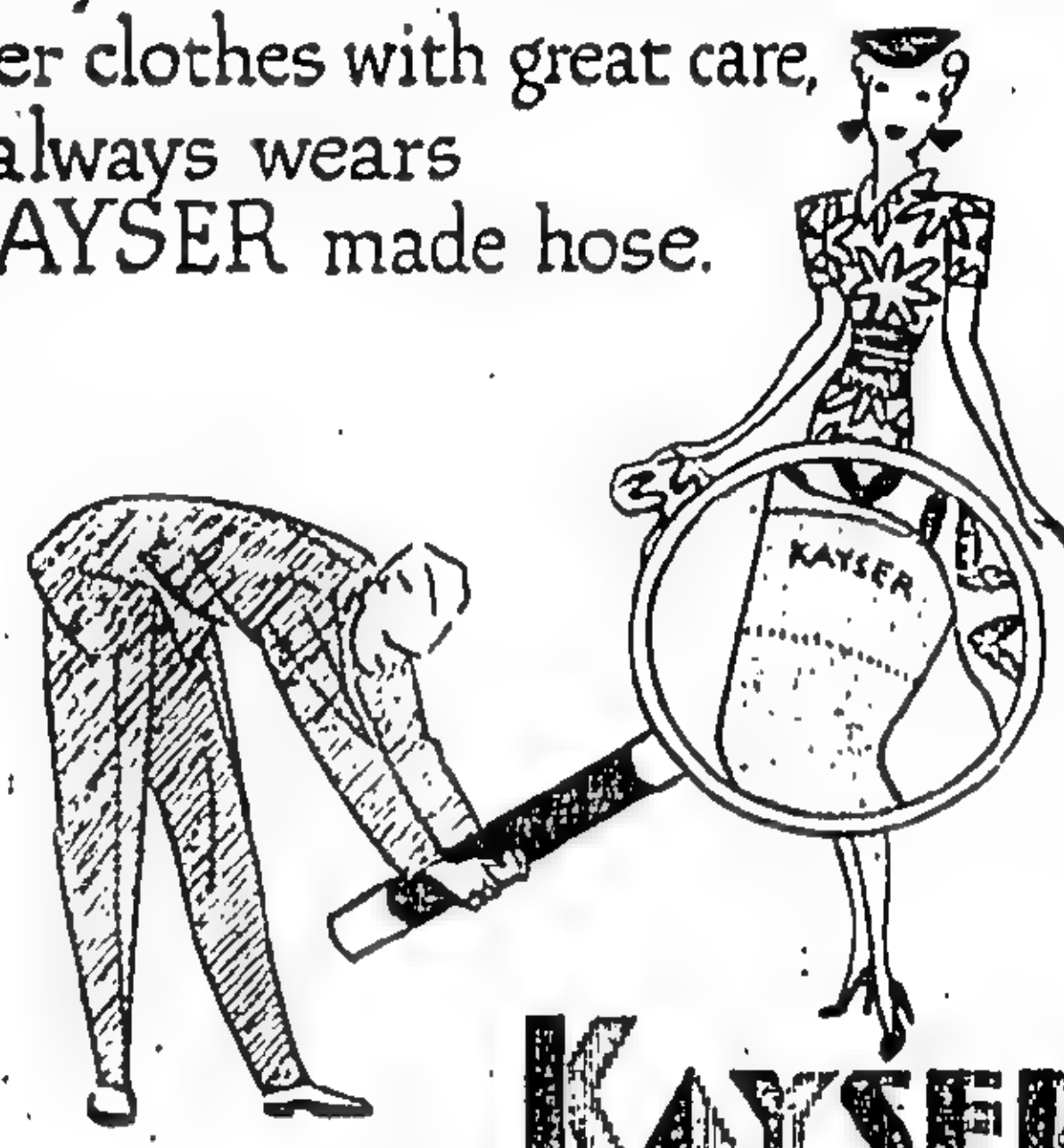
Copper ware can be cleaned with lemon dipped in salt. The article should then be washed and dried and polished with a soft cloth.

Unsuccessful Guess Work

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grumble so much about their wives' department. If wives can invade dress allowance would not say a the men's outfitting, or judge, the word if they knew something about merits of pyjamas and slippers, why the subject. Why not let them learn?

Away With Pretence

Sensible modern women have put aside all this stupid pretence. "I don't dress to please my husband. I please myself." Quite frankly they want to be admired by the man who matters, and they choose the clothes he will admire them in.

The highest compliment a man can pay a woman is to show interest in her appearance, especially when they have been married for a few years. Men are being sensible about interest shopping nowadays. No longer do they stand, looking hot and embarrassed, on the edge of a feminine

Anne Byrne

A FAMOUS playwright once wrote a play called "You Never Can Tell." The moral of it was that it is not wise to be too undecided and never to know one's mind; on the other hand it does not do to be too sure. During the last few days I have been reminded of this by readers, who have written in to point out that Naaman, the leper, was addressed by his slaves to take the vice of the prophet, not by the captive maid who waited on him. Although it is true that the first of all suggested the expectation to consult him.

Feeling that I knew the Bible stories practically off by heart, I did not confirm the quotation, with the result that I misquoted. Happily, in this case, no particular harm was done, but I must confess that many a time I have been astounded at the way in which people will give information in the most positive way for which they have no warrant.

Without Proof

They do not even say that they think this, that or the other, or that it is their opinion.

They say definitely that trains leave at such a time, that buses stop at such a place, or make statements about the actions of others, without having the slightest proof of the truth of their statements. In

## Minnie Pallister warns you— Don't Be Too Sure

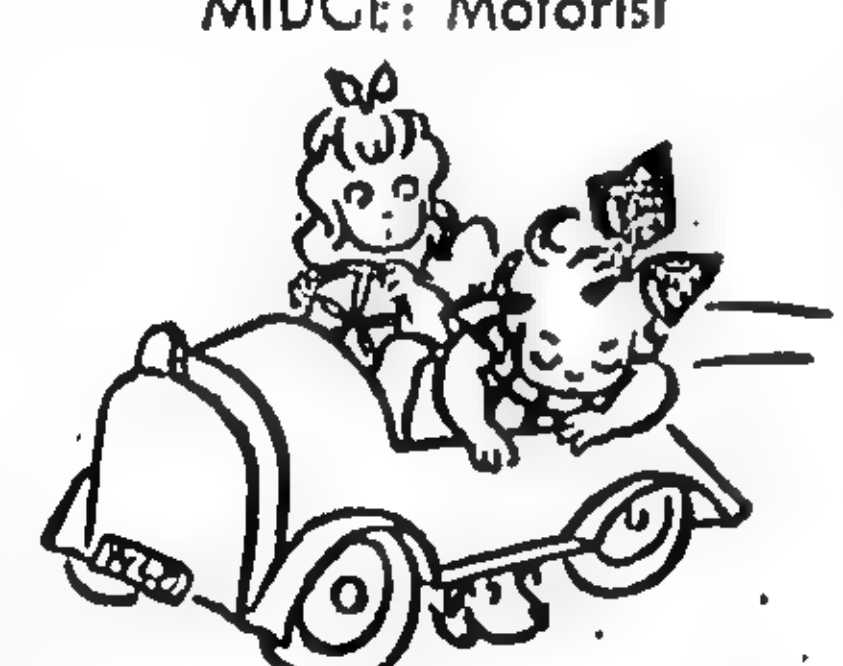
this way they may cause infinite trouble, delay, or even worse misadventure to those who take their word for it.

We often hear women say, "I could have sworn," and that means that they have been positive and found out too late that they were quite wrong.

Anyone connected with a court of law will tell us how impossible it is to get accurate accounts of the simplest accident.

Eye-witnesses who do not intend to be sure.

MIDGE: Motorist



"Change down, Judy, she's knocking!"

to be untruthful will give false accounts of what happened.

Probably out of this well-known carelessness of the average person has arisen the old saying, "Give the benefit of the doubt."

Slight & Slander

Too often we think the worst on very slender evidence. We are so certain that so-and-so slighted us, or slandered us, or took offence, when all the time there is not a shred of real evidence to support our accusation.

"Better to be sure than sorry" is another wise old tag. Instead of "swearing" that we locked that door, turned off the water, switched off the light, put those documents away, we had better spend the time confirming it.

Before we give information which may mislead people and cause loss or damage, it is better to look up our facts or say that we don't know before being "perfectly certain" that a friend or an employee has been guilty.

Next time I catch myself saying "I'm sure," I shall remember the little captive maid and make sure.

## Helpful Hints

BEFORE spreading a sponge sandwich with jam—lightly butter each side first—and the jam will not sink in.

Before opening tins of tongue, salmon, &c., allow the tin to stand for an hour or so in cold water. This ensures a "clean release" of the contents.

After using a bottle of glue, dip the cork in glycerine before replacing it. You will then have no difficulty in taking it out on the next occasion.

Stitch a small piece of elastic to each side of your overall cuffs—cuff-link fashion—and you will then be able to roll up your sleeves quickly and easily.

Old pot pourri that has lost its scent can be revived by mixing brown sugar with it freely. Use the real Barbados sugar, and you'll be surprised at the result.

## Rusk Rarebit

THIS makes a welcome change from the ordinary "welsh" variety of rarebit. Dip some rusks in milk and arrange them in the dish in which they are going to be served. Cover them with a layer of grated cheese, and pour over the whole a white sauce to which a chipped hard-boiled egg has been added.

Bake for ten minutes in a quick oven, after sprinkling a little grated cheese over the top. The egg can be omitted if desired.

W. B.

## Inflated Turkeys Deflated

Mrs. Pasquetti, a poultry dealer got the idea of blowing up his turkeys with a pump so as to sell them the more easily. Everything went well until a turkey exploded and a piece of bone injured his assistant's eyes.

## Home Hints

WHEN filling cracks in walls, use plaster of Paris mixed with vinegar instead of water, for then the plaster will keep moist longer, so allowing the job to be done better before it sets.

Cracks in furniture may be filled with beeswax, but if they are large, use a mixture of beeswax and fine sawdust. When dry, rub over with polish.

To remove white marks from furniture caused by hot dishes, first rub them in a circular motion with a cloth dipped in methylated spirits, and then apply olive oil, otherwise the spirits will remove all traces of polish. If necessary repeat the process next day.

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## EUROPE GRIPPED BY COLD

BERLIN, Dec. 19.  
WITH THE THERMOMETER at 10.1 degrees centigrade below zero (one degree Fahrenheit below zero) Monday has been the coldest December day experienced in Berlin since 1935, when the thermometer fell to 16.16 degrees centigrade below zero on December 11.

Meteorologists here point out that December is generally far from being the coldest month in Germany, where much lower temperatures are, as a rule, recorded in January and February. However, it is expected that the thermometer will drop still further in the course of the next few days. The severe cold is adversely affecting Christmas shopping. Winter sports enthusiasts, on the other hand, hope that the cold spell with the addition of snow, will extend over the Christmas holidays. —Trans-Ocean.

## FLU RAGES IN JEW NO MAN'S LAND

Bentschen, Poland, Dec. 19.  
An epidemic of influenza has threatened to break out in the Polish-Jew refugee camp in "No Man's Land" on the frontier as a cold wave has set in. Over 600 refugees are at present ill with influenza and tonsillitis, and hundreds of the other 5,000 in the camp have colds. Since they arrived at the camp, ten persons have died, according to camp executive officers. The hospital at the camp is crowded, and many who are ill have been taken to private homes in the village of Bentschen. The refugees are those who were expelled from Germany six weeks ago. —United Press.

## SHORTAGE OF COAL

London, Dec. 19.  
Bitterly cold weather is being experienced in most European countries. In Poland and Czechoslovakia there were 80 degrees of frost and children have been told to stay away from school until further notice. As most of the Czech coal fields have been ceded to Germany, there is a shortage of coal in Prague and the price of this commodity has risen by half. In the Baltic two ships came to grief and the crew suffered badly from exposure. —Reuter Bulletin.

## SNOWSTORM IN SIAN

Sian, Dec. 20.  
The first snowstorm of the year occurred here yesterday. It raged from 2 o'clock in the afternoon and showed no signs of abating late in the night. The whole city is blanketed with white. —Central News.

## Chamberlain Not To Meet Hitler

London, Dec. 19.  
Official circles here deny all knowledge of a meeting between Mr. Chamberlain and Herr Hitler, rumored in some of the Sunday papers in connection with the Premier's projected visit to Rome. Nor is anything known in the same circles of a meeting allegedly having been arranged between Mr. Chamberlain and Field-Marshal Hermann Goering. —Trans-Ocean.

## WOMAN'S TERRIBLE DEATH

Buried Alive In Well By Fall Of Mud

A woman's earth coffin was buried alive by mud in a deep well on a building site in Hillwood Road, Kowloon, yesterday. The mishap occurred while the coolies employed on the lot were having tiffin and the woman was passing the mouth of the well, which was 80 feet deep.

As she passed the woman slipped and fell to the bottom of the well in several feet of water, which broke her fall. She was not killed but when her colleagues rushed to the mouth of the well, which was surrounded by mounds of soft mud taken from the well, their efforts at rescue started a land slide and in a few minutes, tons of the mud had fallen into the pit.

Several coolies only narrowly missed being swept down with the moving mud, and when they looked again the woman could not be seen. An attempt was immediately made to extricate her but it was soon realized that the task was hopeless, as the narrowness of the pit allowed only one man to work at a time and it was estimated that the woman was covered by several feet of mud. An attempt to recover the body will be made to-day.

The scene of the mishap is adjacent to the lot where a man and a woman were buried in a fall of earth six months ago.

## Assassination Is Re-Enacted In Court

Paris, Dec. 19.  
Herschel Grynszpan, the alleged murderer of the German Embassy Councillor, Herr von Rath, was cross-examined to-day in the presence of his defence counsel, and the personnel of the German Embassy. An attempt was made to re-enact the crime in the court room, and the policeman, who arrested Grynszpan was called upon to testify. —Trans-Ocean.

## Somaliland Will Remain British

London, Dec. 19.  
Mr. Neville Chamberlain again emphatically denied to-day in the House of Commons the allegation that the British Government had made a proposal to the Italian Government for the cession to Italy of British Somaliland. —Trans-Ocean.

## YANGTSE QUESTION May be Prejudiced By Pearl-River Opening

Canton, Dec. 19.  
It appears that the Pearl River will be closed to foreign shipping until the Yangtse question is settled. The Japanese Consul-General, interviewed by Reuter, stated that the Pearl River was not an important issue by itself, but should traffic be restored it would prejudice the Japanese case regarding the Yangtse. The new Kwangtung Provincial Government will be inaugurated at 10 a.m. to-morrow with Mr. Pang Tung-yuen as Chairman. He will also act as Mayor for the time being. —Reuter.

## EUROPE'S EXODUS OF JEWS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 19.  
THE EMIGRATION of 150,000 Jews from Rumania to Palestine within the next three years, is said by the newspaper "Curentul" to be planned by the Rumanian Government.

According to the paper, the Government has already entered into negotiations on the subject with the British Government. The cost of transport would be borne by the Rumanian Government, while the cost of settling them in Palestine would have to be met by Jewish institutions.

Under this alleged scheme, 80,000 Jews would be settled annually for the next three years. The paper says in the withdrawal from a large number of Jews in northern Rumania, of licenses for the sale of alcohol and tobacco, means of pressure by the Rumanian Government to compel the Jews to emigrate, and the paper predicts the adoption of other measures in the near future. —Trans-Ocean.

## DISCUSSED IN LONDON

Berlin, Dec. 19.  
Dr. Scheidt returned to Germany from London to-day. It is admitted in Berlin that he discussed the question of Jewish emigration during his stay in London. —Reuter Bulletin.

## Joint Protests By Shai Associations

London, Dec. 19.  
Answering Sir John Wardlaw-Milne to the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that the Foreign Secretary had recently received a report on the joint statement issued by the British, French and American chambers of commerce and the national associations of eight countries represented in Shanghai, complaining of Japanese restrictions on foreign trade. The despatch had only just been received, and he was not in a position to make a full statement, but the matters raised already had formed the subject of numerous representations to the Japanese authorities. Sir John Wardlaw-Milne: "Isn't this the first time that all the trade associations representing the various countries have joined together in a note to protest at the position of the trade of foreigners in Shanghai?" Mr. Butler: "I believe that is so." —Reuter.

## Chinese Re-Occupy Railway Districts

CANTON, Dec. 19.  
It is reported that the Japanese forces have evacuated Chienchen and Koonshan, both of which are stated to have been re-occupied by the Chinese.

Practically the entire Kowloon-Canton Railway zone below Snek-lung, on the East River, has been re-occupied by Chinese troops. During the past week, however, units of the Japanese forces have periodically pushed down the line towards the Hongkong frontier and some spirited encounters have been reported. —Our Own Correspondent.

A "Central News" message states that heavy loss of life was reported to have resulted from a fire aboard a Japanese merchant vessel off Wayside Wharf, in the Yangtsepoos at Shanghai yesterday morning. The ship was loaded with chemicals.

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## Rain of Questions On Position in Yangtse

LONDON, Dec. 19.  
MOST OF Mr. R. A. Butler's answers to questions on China were made to-day on the omnibus principle.

Replying to Commander Marsden and Captain Alan Graham, who asked whether Mr. Butler was aware that Japanese merchant shipping was plying freely on the Yangtse, and that no Japanese cargo vessels had yet met with misfortune owing to drifting mines, alleged by the Japanese as the objection to reopening the river to British shipping, Mr. Butler said that advertisements and notices of sailing appeared in the Chinese language papers in Shanghai, providing evidence that Japanese steamers were trading on the Yangtse.

The Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs had now undertaken to give further consideration to the matter in the light of fresh evidence which Sir Robert Craigie had put before him. The Japanese Government, in a note on November 14, stated that a Japanese transport had lately been sunk by mines, but that appeared to have been an isolated instance. —Reuter.

**JAPANESE COMBINE**  
London, Dec. 19.  
Speaking in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Grech Jones asked whether the newly-formed Yangtse Shipping Company was likely to exercise a monopoly, and whether the Government proposed to take action to maintain British interests.

Mr. Butler replied that the British Consul had promised to furnish full particulars as soon as possible. Mr. A. C. Moreing asked whether the Premier was informed of the attitude of the Japanese authorities in allowing Japanese soldiers in the Yangtsepoos district to sell entire buildings cheaply for break-up and bricks outside the area; to demand large sums for personal protection, and for permission to carry goods outside the area; and to what extent such opportunities for illicit profit were proving a permanent obstacle to the restoration of the area to the control of the Municipal Council.

Mr. Butler replied: "No. Therefore the last part of the question does not arise." He added that restoration of the Yangtsepoos area to the control of the Municipal Council was at present under active consideration with the Japanese authorities. —Reuter.

**New Terrorism By Japanese Warships**  
Japanese warships have commenced a new campaign of terrorism against Hongkong fishing junks, according to Chinese reports. As a result, Hongkong fishermen are ceasing to go outside British territorial waters. "Central News" reports that at least 17 fishing junks have been seized by the Japanese during the past few days. A Hongkong junk which has been in Japanese possession for five months escaped this week, returning to Hongkong after friends and relatives had given up the crew for dead.

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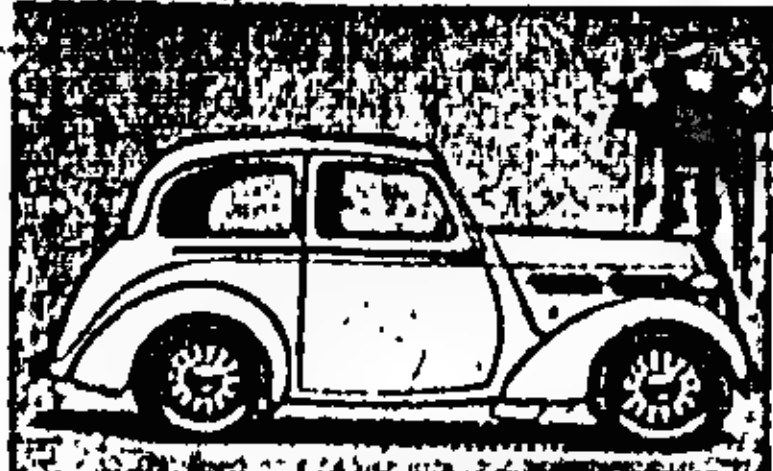
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## MOSLEMS PLEDGE FULL SUPPORT FOR CHINESE

### "Japan's Insult To The Koran," Voiced in Protest

CHUNGKING, DEC. 20.

FIFTY MILLION MOSLEMS IN CHINA HAVE ISSUED A FORCEFUL CIRCULAR FROM KWEILIN, THE KWANGSI PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, PLEDGING WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT FOR CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF RESISTANCE AGAINST JAPANESE AGGRESSION.

The circular is signed under the name of the Moslem Cultural Association, and it reads:

"During the past 17 months, Japanese bombs, shells, atrocities and incendiarism have exacted 7,000,000 casualties among Moslems, and destroyed 3,000 mosques, as well as insulting the Koran.

"At the present 35,000 Moslem troops are participating in the resistance campaign in China's north-west.

"We appeal to 200,000,000 Moslems throughout the world to support China's cause, if we of the Moslem faith are determined to maintain our religious freedom."—United Press.

## Foreigners Protest At Blockade In Hankow

HANKOW, Dec. 20.

FOLLOWING A PUBLIC protest by leading foreigners in the French Concession yesterday against the action of Japanese sentries, who refused to allow foreigners to bring personal provisions into the Concession, interference has stopped.

On December 18, a number of foreigners' cars were stopped at the Concession gates, the occupants ordered out, and the vehicles ransacked. It has since been semi-officially explained that the sentries exceeded orders.

The embargo against Chinese taking food into French Concession remains.

### RED ALLEGATIONS

Hankow, Dec. 20. The Japanese-controlled newspaper "Wuhan Pao", is running a series of articles claiming to describe activities of Communists in the French Concession.

The paper claims that 1,000 Communists are active in the French Concession, and are using partisan tactics taught to them by Mao Tse-tung, by disguising their identity and mixing among the Chinese civilians.

The articles state that the central organization has been located in the Soviet Consulate (this was formerly the United States Consulate, situated on two sides of Boundary Street between the Concession and the S.A.D.2).

It is alleged that the Soviet Consulate is now the meeting place for the Communists, who are receiving orders by short-wave radio. It is further stated that the general plan of the Soviets in Hankow, following the withdrawal of Chiang Kai-shek, was to burn and destroy the city.

Foreign circles express the opinion that the articles are for preparing public opinion for a raid on the Soviet Consulate in the near future, and also to strengthen the demands on the French authorities.—United Press.

### TIENSIN SITUATION

Tientsin, Dec. 20. Admiral Sugiyama has arrived here and it is believed his visit is in connection with the situation.

Foreigners are very worried due to the fact that the barriers were closed in the French and British concessions between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. yesterday. Foreigners were not allowed to pass despite the fact that they were carrying passports.

The food situation is very serious. No vegetables or meats have arrived since Friday last, and prices are a third higher since the blockade.

Ironically, a Japanese spokesman yesterday denied that a blockade exists.—United Press.

## Jury Told Of Piracy

ALLEGED TO BE MEMBERS of a gang which robbed a cargo junk in Chinese waters, Leung Kwok-hong and Tam Yau-shing were charged before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams in the Criminal Sessions this morning with receiving part of the property stolen from the boat.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. D. D. Forbes (Foreman), Fung Man-shui, Wu Ziang-mac, T. F. Bradford, A. MacIndoe, W. A. Hellwig and W. Sue Ing.

Prosecuting, Mr. J. B. Prentiss, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that the complainant, Chong Kam, hired a junk from Chung Ping in Fook Wing Village, Po On District, to transport a cargo of vegetables to Hongkong.

Chong and his six fokis left the place on November 16, and when they arrived at Sai Hing they decided to spend the night there as the tide was against them.

They anchored about 20 feet from the shore, because of fear of attacks by Japanese, and about 4 a.m. Chong was awakened by the rocking of the boat caused by persons coming on board.

He found another boat alongside his junk with seven men on board. Some of them were armed, and they boarded the junk and bound up Chong and his fokis, who were forced into a sampan and put ashore. Subsequently, one of the fokis managed to free himself and untied the others.

Later, a fishing junk came along and took them to Hongkong.

After being landed at Castle Peak, Chong went to the vegetable dealers in Yau-mat to see if he could find any trace of his cargo. At the Yip Sang shop he saw some turo, ginger and yam, which he recognized as his. He immediately informed the police, who kept a watch at the shop and arrested the second accused when he arrived to collect money for the vegetables. He was then wearing Chong's singlet. Later, the first accused visited the shop and was also arrested. He had Chong's trousers on.

Both accused were subsequently identified by the fokis as members of the gang which robbed the junk. The case is proceeding.

## Pastor Niemoller Believed Ill

Berlin, Dec. 19.

Anxiety is felt here for Pastor Niemoller, following reports that he is seriously ill in a concentration camp.

His parishioners have had no news from him for nearly a month.—Reuter Special.



MR. T. H. G. BRAYFIELD'S pony, Salvage Master (Mr. B. L. Tao up) easily won the Hongkong Autumn Sub-Griffins Champions at Happy Valley on Saturday when the Hongkong Jockey Club held its last extra race meeting of the year. Mr. Brayfield, who was claimant in the libel action against the Jockey Club last week, is seen tending in his pony.—Photo by A.V. Wong.

## Paris Picks World's Best Dressed Women

PARIS, Dec. 19.

THE PARIS DRESSMAKERS' poll to select the ten best-dressed women in the world during 1938 resulted as follows:

Antenor Batino, daughter-in-law of Simon Batino, the Bolivian tin prince.

the Duchess of Windsor, the Duchess of Kent.

Baroness Eugene de Rothschild, the Begum Aga Khan.

Mrs. Harrison Williams, the Marquise de Paris.

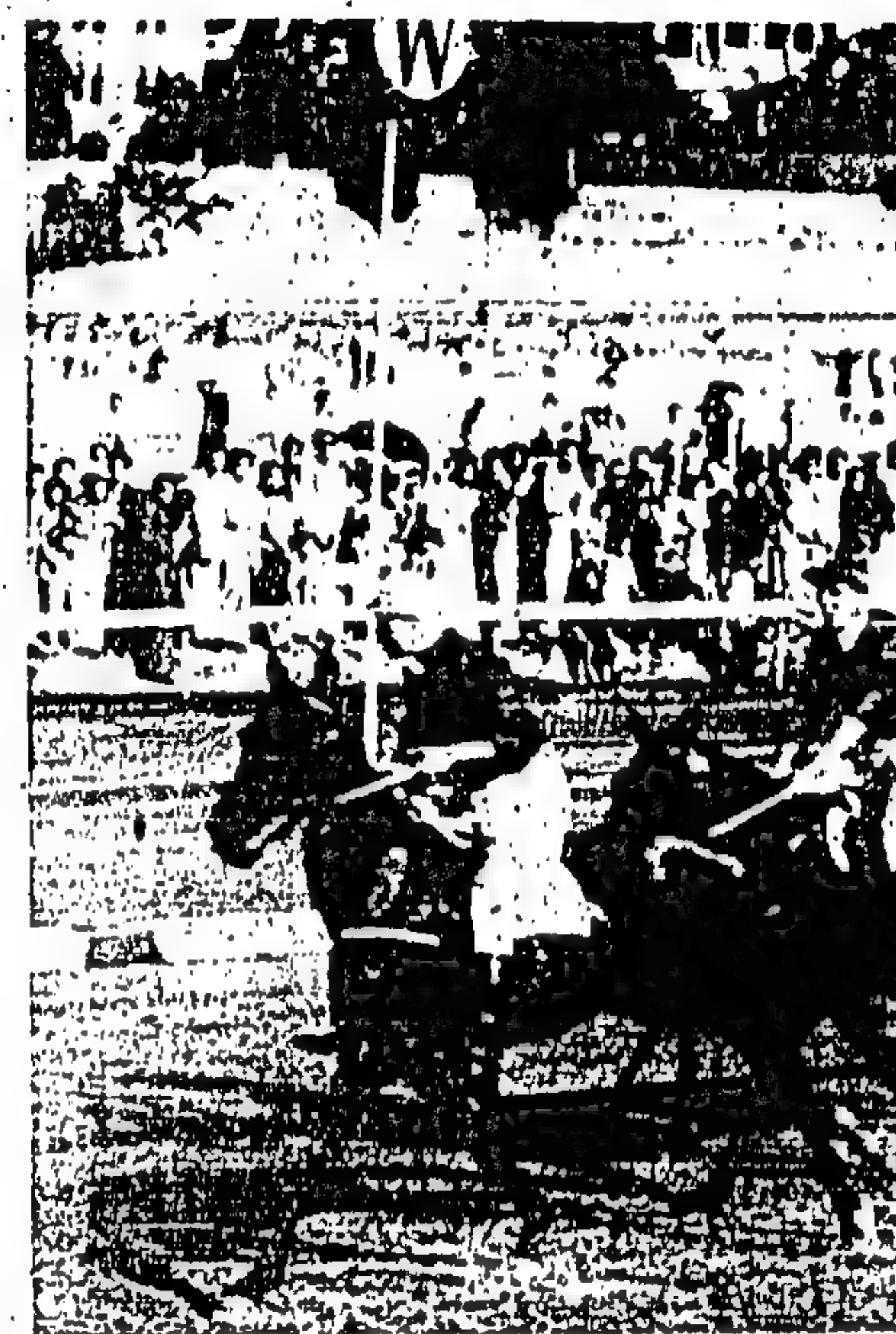
Mrs. Gilbert Miller, Senora Martinez Dehoy, and Madame Jean Lupuy, formerly Miss Dorothy Spreckels.—United Press.

### SPED THROUGH LIMIT AREA

For driving his motor-cycle at a speed of 38 m.p.h., which is eight miles in excess of the speed limit in Nathan Road, controlled area, Mr. F. Curtis was fined \$8 when he appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. MacIndoe at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Traffic Sergeant Brittain said that defendant was speeding near Austin Road, and the road was clear at the time.

## LAST RACE MEET OF 1938



HERE'S THE FINISH at the Tardy Handicap on Saturday, in which Lucky, ridden by Mr. C. Encarnacion, bent Rose Jane (Mr. W. Poy up) by a length.—Photo by A.V. Wong.

## GERMAN JEWS IN COLONY MAY SOON LOSE POSITIONS

IF GERMAN JEWS residing in Hongkong desire to leave the Colony, they must first of all submit to having the letter "J" stamped across their passports.

Although Jews employed by German firms in Hongkong are not being summarily dismissed, as is alleged to be the case in London, there is a possibility that they will soon lose their positions as a result of the loss of trade consequent upon the Japanese occupation of Canton.

These facts were made known to-day as a result of enquiries by the "Telegraph."

When a report that German firms in Hongkong had received official instructions to dismiss German Jew employees was referred to the German Consul General, he declared it to be absolutely unfounded.

"In fact," he said, "if any such statement is made it is like many other statements which reach the newspapers—an absolute lie."

A spokesman for Jewish employees in German establishments in Hongkong verified that there had so far been no victimization against non-Aryans by German firms in Hongkong.

"There are many instances of Jews being employed in German firms in Hongkong, and in every case relations have been quite amicable," he said.

Nevertheless, the German Consul General and the representative of the German Jews admitted that if loss of trade through the Japanese occupation of Canton forces German firms to retrench, Germans of Jewish extraction will probably be the first employees affected.

Retrenchment in some form is considered a distinct possibility. The major part of the import trade of German firms was with Canton and that trade has now practically ceased.

So far as can be ascertained, no German resident of Hongkong has had the ominous letter "J" stamped across his passport at the local Consulate.

There are many non-Aryan German residents, however, whose passports carry the letter stamped there by Consulates or passport offices elsewhere.

But German Jews who were in Hongkong before the new regulations were promulgated will, if they desire renewal of their passports in Hongkong, or require visas for travelling abroad, have to submit to the branding of their permits with the letter "J".

It is a brand that may well close the door to them in certain European countries antagonistic to Jews.

## JAPANESE FLAG OVER AMERICAN PROPERTY

CANTON, Dec. 19.

JAPANESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES in Canton have hoisted the Rising Sun flag on a portion of the property of Messrs. William Hunt & Company.

This action is a sequel to a recent Japanese protest to the American authorities against the occupation of the property by representatives of the American firm.

The wharves and godowns were formerly owned by the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, whose assets were purchased by the American concern some time ago.

Shortly after the Chinese evacuation of Canton Japans broke into the property, killing the three watchmen.

As a result American sailors were sent to guard the wharves and godowns, and the American flag was hoisted.

Following protests by the Japanese authorities, the American sailors have been withdrawn.

Japanese troops have now been sent to guard the property, and they have hoisted the Japanese flag at one of the flagpoles.—Our Own Correspondent.

## EMPIRE AIR MAIL PLANE ON ISLAND

ATHENS, Dec. 19.

A BRITISH AIR MAIL PLANE on the Empire route was damaged, due to a forced landing on the island of Euboea, sixty miles to the north-east of Athens, to-day.

According to the first reports it was feared that there had been loss of life, but later details showed that the pilot and wireless operator escaped with slight cuts. There were no passengers on board.

The mails were undamaged. The plane was carrying Christmas mails to London from Alexandria.—Reuter Special.

It cannot be ascertained yet whether Hongkong mail was aboard the plane.

## LATEST

## NEW CANTON "GOVERNMENT" INSTALLED

CANTON, Dec. 20.

Before a crowd of at least 5,000 people, the new Kwangtung Provincial Government was installed at 11 o'clock to-day at the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, which still showed signs of bombings.

Pang Tung-yuen was installed as Chairman of the "Kwangtung Provincial Government," while Lui Chun-wing was installed vice-Chairman.

The large gathering included the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese forces in South China and the Japanese Consul General.

Beyond war correspondents and a few curious spectators there were no foreigners present.

Representatives of the British and American consulates were conspicuous by their absence.—Reuter.

See Back Page For Further Late News

## U.S. SILVER AGREEMENT TO REMAIN

Silver Accord With China Extended

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.

FOLLOWING ON the heels of the negotiations for extending credits to China, considerable significance is seen in an announcement by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, to the effect that the American-Chinese silver agreement will remain in force for an indefinite period.

The agreement which was concluded on July 9, 1937, is to expire on December 31, this year. Secretary (Continued on Page 4.)

## MAN'S REVOLTING CRIME 12-Year-Old-Girl Victim of Attack

"YOU HAVE PLEADED GUILTY to a most revolting crime," said Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the Criminal Sessions this morning, when he sentenced Lam Kwok-chung, 21, to ten years' hard labour on a charge of having raped his 12-year-old sister at Belcher Street, West Point.

Accused was stated by Dr. G. I. Shaw, medical officer of Hongkong Prisons, who had him under observation at intervals for the past four weeks, to be simple-minded in the way that he boasted about his offence.

He was not insane, though he did not appear to fully appreciate the badness of what he had done.

Addressing accused, His Lordship said: "It appears from the medical











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## H.K. Stock Market

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BANKS	
H.K. Banks	\$1,340 n.
H.K. Bankers, Lon.	\$79 1/2 n.
Chartered	\$19 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	\$27 3/4 n.
Mercantile, C.	\$13 n.
East Asia	\$66 n.
INSURANCE	
Canton	\$210 n.
Union	\$485 n.
China, Underwriters	\$75 cts. n.
H.K. Fire	\$102 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	\$61 n.
Steamboats	\$18 n.
Indo-China, P.	\$50 n.
Indo-China, D.	\$24 n.
Shell Bearers	\$27 1/2 n.
Whiteboats	\$9 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	\$17 s.
Docks (old)	\$10 1/2 s.
Docks (new)	\$17 1/2 s.
Providents (old)	\$6 1/2 s.
Providents (new)	\$6 1/2 s.
New Eng. Sh.	\$5.00 n.
Kia. Docks, Sh.	\$100 n.
Kailan	\$17 1/2 n. x d.
Rubus	\$9.35 n.
Venz. Goldfield	\$53 n.
Hongkong Mines	\$7 1/2 cts. n.
MINING	
Antamoks	\$40 n.
Atoks	\$24 n.
Bugulo Gold	\$23 n.
Benguet Con.	\$12.50 n.
Coco Grove	\$46 1/2 n.
Con. Mines	\$12 n.
Demonstrations	\$6.00 n.
L.X.L.	\$6.00 n.
Gumaua	\$13 n.
San Maurizio	\$1.70 n.
Suyoc Consol.	\$1 n.
Puracales	\$58 n.
LANDS	
Hotels	\$8.75 n.
Lands	\$353 1/2 n.
Sh. Lands	\$107 1/2 n.
Sh. Lands	\$9.40 n.
Humphreys	\$9 n.
H.K. Realities	\$5 n.
Chinese Estates	\$90 n.
UTILITIES	
Tram	\$17 b.
Peak Trams (old)	\$8 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	\$8 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	\$71 1/2 b.
Y. Ferries (old)	\$22 1/2 s.
Y. Ferries (new)	\$22 1/2 s.
China Lights (old)	\$10.30 n.
China Lights (new)	\$10 n.
H.K. Electric	\$10 n.
Macau Electric	\$10 1/2 n.
Sandikan Lights	\$10 1/2 n.
Telephone (old)	\$23.50 n.
Telephone (new)	\$8.60 n.
Tractions s/-	21/3 n.
Singapore Pref. s/-	25/- n.
INDUSTRIAL	
Cald: Macg. (ord.), Sh.	\$14 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pre.), Sh.	\$13 n.
Canton Ice	\$1.70 n.
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STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	\$24.00 n.
Watsons	\$7.45 n.
Crawfords	\$8 n.
Sinceres	\$2 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	\$30 n.
Powell, Ltd.	\$0 cts. n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Cotton Sh.	\$16.40 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	\$100 n.
Zong Sings	\$24 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh.	\$40 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments	\$6.40 b.
Constructions	\$13 1/2 n.
Vibro Piling	\$7 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	\$7 n.
G.S. Bonds	\$7 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	\$6 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	\$6 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Lon.)	\$15/0 n.
Marsmans (H.K.)	\$3/- n.

The following quotations were received after the close of the morning session through Reuters:

Business Done Prices in Pence Dec. 19, Dec. 20.	
Antamok	24 1/2
Atok	24 1/2
Bagulo Gold	22 1/2
Benguet Cons.	12 1/2
Coco Grove	48 1/2
Consolidated Mines	48 1/2
Demonstration	48 1/2
L.X.L.	50
Puracales	58
San Maurizio	170
Suyoc	10 1/2
United Paracale	58

The following is Swan, Cuberton & Fritze' report on this morning's market:

The Manila market was quiet and prices generally unchanged. Strength was shown in Benguet Consolidated, which was up 10 centavos, and Coco Grove, which was up 1 1/2 centavos. Bagulo Gold, United Paracale and San Maurizio were down from 1/2 to 2 centavos.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
NOEL BRAGA, Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1938.

## Exchange At A Glance

#### SELLING

T.T. London	1s. 2 1/2
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T.T. Shanghai	175 Nom.
T.T. Singapore	53 1/4
T.T. Japan	100 1/2
T.T. India	83
T.T. U.S.A.	20
T.T. Manila	58 1/4
T.T. Batavia	53 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	109 1/2
T.T. France	10.05
T.T. Germany	72
T.T. Switzerland	127 1/2
T.T. Australia	170 1/2

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4 m/s L/c London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/p do.	1/3 1/2 3/4
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	29 1/2
4 m/s France	11.50
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.07 1/2

## Elissa Landi Injured

New York, Dec. 19. Miss Elissa Landi, the film actress, broke her collar bone when her car skidded near Kingston, New York State, according to reports from Miss Landi's New York agents—Reuter Special.

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SHOPPING DAYS  
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CHRISTMAS

## St. Andrew's Ball On Friday Night

The committee of St. Andrew's Society announces that for the convenience of members and guests of the Society attending the Ball to be held on Friday evening, a special five-minute service of Star ferries will run between 9 p.m. and 9.30 p.m., and a special service from Kowloon to Hongkong will run every 15 minutes between midnight and 1 a.m., and every half-hour thereafter until 3 a.m. The vehicular ferry service will be extended until 2 a.m. (approximately) and all those desiring to participate should be seated in good time before this hour. No reservations for supper tables may be made.

Members and guests of the Society are requested to note particularly that admission to the Ball will be by ticket only and that these cannot be obtained at the door of the hotel. Entrance to the hotel will be by the main doors, Salisbury Road, only.

## U.S. SILVER AGREEMENT TO REMAIN

(Continued from Page 1.)

of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau confirmed at Monday's Press conference that the validity of the present agreement has been extended indefinitely.

Questioned as to whether the present step, coupled with the reported extension of a credit loan to China, would not run counter to the spirit of the Neutrality Act, Mr. Morgenthau said that America is only carrying on commercial transactions with friendly Powers.

The United States Government, he added, is ready to comply with similar requests for credits from any other country providing that the latter is not affected by the Johnson Act—Domel.

## Manchukuo Trade Has Adverse Balance

Hankow, Dec. 20. Manchukuo's trade with foreign countries during November of this year resulted in an adverse balance of 82,000,000 Yen, with imports amounting to 129,000,000 Yen and exports to 47,000,000 Yen, according to an official announcement by the Economic Department.

Manchukuo's foreign trade since the beginning of this year has amounted to more than 1,700,000,000 Yen, marking a great increase in both imports and exports compared with the returns for the corresponding period of last year—Domel.

## AMERICAN WOMAN'S ESCAPE

### Incident In Tientsin's Danger Zone

Tientsin. When passing the bridge bordering the racecourse in Chinese territory recently, Mrs. J. K. Caldwell, wife of the United States Consul-General, narrowly escaped being hit by a bullet, apparently fired by someone hidden in the tall reeds nearby. She heard the shot and saw the bullet strike the water.

An unprecedented series of attacks, allegedly by bandits, has occurred here since an order was issued forbidding Chinese and Japanese to attend the races. The outrages include the murder of a Russian dairy proprietor, the hold-up of a prominent Belgian family at their residence and the maltreatment and robbing of a hospital matron.

All the attacks occurred in the racecourse area, the insecurity of which is being brought to the attention of consuls.

## ITALIAN DECORATION

### Mr. E. Cock to Receive Recognition of Service

Mr. E. Cock, head of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, is to receive the decoration of Commander of the Crown of Italy. Mr. Cock is due back from furlough about the end of the year, and shortly afterwards he will receive his decoration at the hands of the Italian Consul General, Marquess G. P. di Melio.

It is understood that the honour bestowed by the Italian Government is in recognition of Mr. Cock's services through the Whampoa Dock Company, in refloating the Conte Verde after the liner grounded outside Lyceum Pass in the typhoon of September 2 last year.

The ship was aground for several days, and at one time it was thought she might suffer the fate of the Asama Maru which was stranded for months. Salvage work was successful, however, and the ship was repaired at the Whampoa Docks, resuming her schedule soon afterwards.

Sir Robert Ho Tung is hitherto the only Hongkong resident holding this Italian decoration.

## FUNERAL OF MR. AND MRS. J. S. WHITE

Following the death in Kowloon Hospital on Sunday morning of Mr. James S. White, former Chief Engineer of the steamer Fook On, Mrs. White, his wife, passed away suddenly at the same hospital early yesterday morning.

The funeral of both Mr. and Mrs. White took place yesterday at the Protestant Cemetery, the Rev. Cyril Brown officiating.

In addition to the chief mourners, Mr. Frank W. White, those present at the service were Messrs. A. Joulie, E. Zimmern, H. Gubbay, S. Mace, Nider, T. Holt, E. Potter, W. E. Kirby, O. M. Omar, E. Wont, H. Kew, W. Broadbridge, E. F. Fincher, E. Humphreys, F. Wong, T. A. Nicholas, Capt. G. A. Frew, Capt. T. Jones, Capt. C. R. Benstead, G. Buchanan, A. H. Brown, F. Schnepel, D. Knox, W. Knox, E. Allen, G. Finch, J. Willis, E. Brown, F. Brown, Dr. F. L. Souza, Mr. and Mrs. C. Becker, Misses F. Wong, E. Bliss, E. Bank and many others.

Floral tributes were sent as follows:—  
"To dearest Mum and Dad," also wreaths from Betty, George and Joan, R. Abraham, Clara Forbes, Ellen Hobbs, Capt. and Mrs. L. Lohovetsky, Mr. and Mrs. Power, Mrs. K. Seyer and Kenneth, G. Halligan, Mrs. L. Murray, Ellen and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Charrington, Mr. and Mrs. Chai Wing-fat, Mr. and Mrs. Poon Shing-wing, Mrs. Peter Chan, Mr. May Foon, Andy Chan, Mr. Lee, G. Huc, A. Chung, Mr. Lok, Mr. H. Roy, J. Huns, J. C. Low, W. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sing, Mr. L. Broadbridge and family, T. Ping-pong, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pike and family, I. Horowitz, Mrs. Chai and family, I. M. Singh, Mrs. Loh and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Vach, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Frew, Mrs. A. M. Mathews, D. H. Knox, A. H. O'Connell, Cheung Tak-sun, G. F. Zimmern, Mrs. M. Chum, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gregory and family, H. E. Gubbay and family, M. Sam and Tracie, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Shen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Urquhart, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown, C. Young, Kwong, Kun-long, Mrs. D. Longbottom, Mrs. D. Willis and family, C. A. Bickford, W. W. Hirst, Miss A. E. Greene, E. Zimmern, Mrs. W. Williams and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stapleton, Mrs. A. Hopwar, Mrs. N. Parnmore, E. Humphreys, A. Tamey, Sister Maud, Alice, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. MacIntyre Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Connell, Margaret Brown, Mary and Willie, Irene, Phyllis and Victor, G. R. Fernandes, D. F. Fernandes, Mrs. H. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Camm, G. W. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. R. Perry, Mrs. M. Banker and Ethel, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fincher, Mrs. F. Wong and family, Mrs. A. White and family, W. O. Nodas, N. Mochel, Dr. F. W. Kew, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Potter, A. E. P. Guest, A. Joulie, and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Osborne and family.

The "Cardinals", St. Andrew's Badminton Girls, St. Andrew's Hockey Girls, Staff of the Diocesan Girls' School, Class V Remove, Diocesan Girls' School, Committee and members of St. Andrew's Club, Kwong Soong Shipyard, Captain and Officer of m.v. Fook On, Steam Laundry, and staff, Watchmen of the Gloucester Hotel, Kowloon, Hospital Mortuary, Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, Chaplain, Manager and staff of Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, the Marine Engineers Guild of China, Bay's Shoppe, local staff of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Lammer Brothers Committee and members of the Kowloon Football Club, Lift Department of the Gloucester Hotel, All ranks of No. 3 (M.G.) Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, and many others.

## Bus Driver Fined

### Dangerous Driving In Controlled Area

On the complaint of Mr. H. G. Williams, a bus driver, Chan Shun-gau, was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday for having driven a motor bus in Nathan Road near the Majestic Theatre in a manner dangerous to the public.

Mr. Williams said he was driving in the controlled area of Nathan Road on the morning of November 21 when a motor bus passed him on the near side at a speed of about 30 miles an hour. Further up the road, the bus nearly collided with another car.

Chan was fined \$30, and was cautioned, on two further summonses for having failed to produce his licence when asked to do so by a police officer on November 21, and having failed to carry a lamp showing to the front a white light on the night of November 23.

## TEMPERS RUN HIGH

### Dispute Follows Basketball Game at Y.M.C.A.

Excitement was caused outside the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, last night when the Police Emergency Unit was called out to attend to a huge crowd that had gathered outside the Y.M.C.A. and was on the point of fighting.

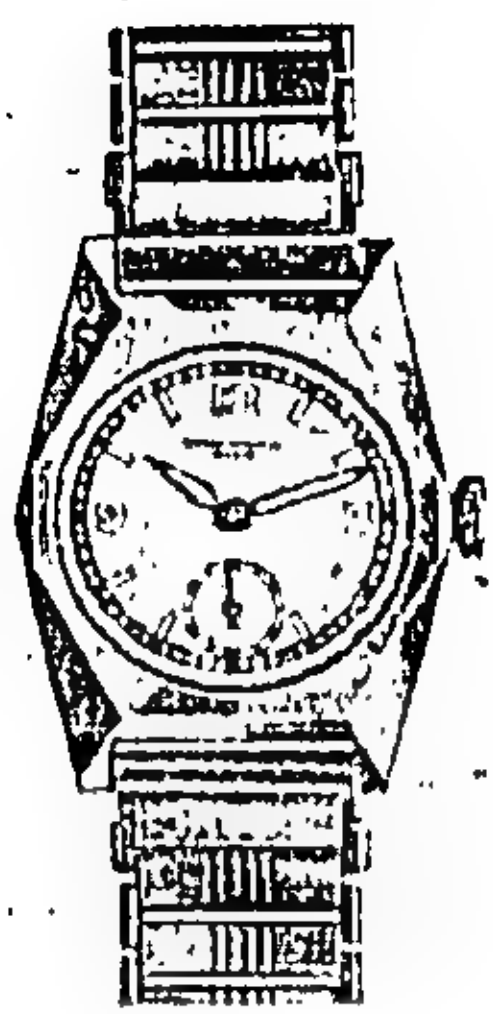
The excitement was over a basketball game between the Mui Fong and Chi Hang girls. The game ended in favour of the latter team, but the supporters of the other side claimed that the referee had allowed extra time when he should have sounded the whistle and closed the game in favour of the Mui Fong team.

When the Emergency Unit arrived on the scene, matters were growing serious, but the crowd was soon dispersed and the captains of both teams and the referee were taken to Central where the matter was amicably settled.

A return match, it is said, will decide the argument.

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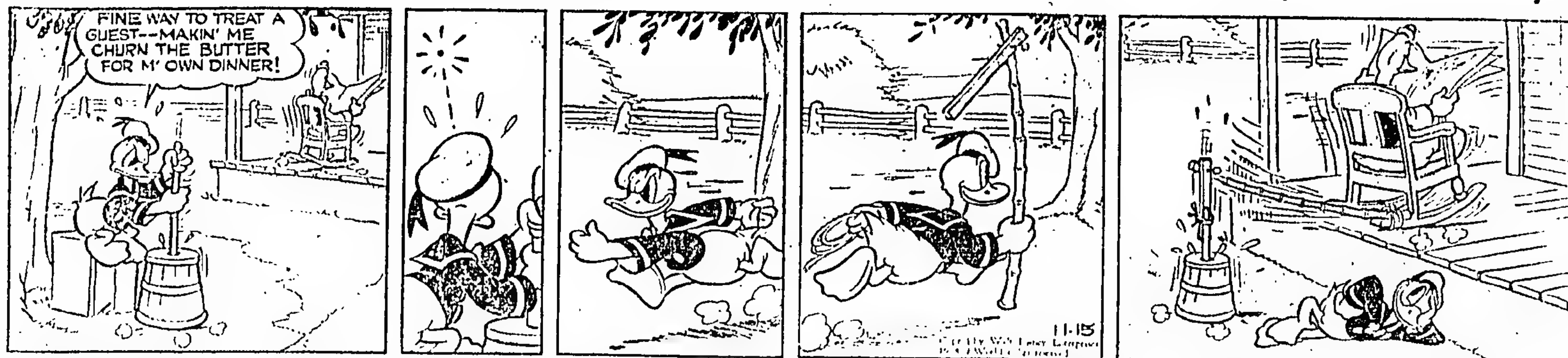
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11th December.	Always Plane	December 20.
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Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.) London date, 24th November	Yochow	December 20.
and London Parcels—London date, 17th November.	Carthage	December 21.
Manila	Empress of Russia	December 21.
Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhani	December 21.
Shanghai	Rellorophon	December 22.
Straits	Boisvevin	December 22.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, Imperial		
15th December.	Always Plane	December 22.
Manila	Phonius	December 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 20th November).	Pres. Adams	December 22.
Japan	Atuta Maru	December 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Corfu	December 23.
Saigon	Jean Laborde	December 23.
Straits	Bhutan	December 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Marechal Joffre	December 24.
Japan	Tusima Maru	December 24.
Shanghai	Conte Blancamano	December 25.
Japan and Shanghai	British Monarch	December 25.
Manila	Menestheus	December 26.
Straits	Pleasantville	December 26.
Tientsin and Swatow	Van Heulz	December 27.
Swatow	Hupchi	December 27.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 21st December.		
Pan-American Airways Plane		December 28.

### OUTWARD MAELS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Bangkok		
	Mul Hook	Tues., Dec. 20, 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday		
Shanghai and Dairen	Helanus	Wed., Dec. 21, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Halyang	Wed., Dec. 21, 2 p.m.
Parcels only for Singapore	Cramer	Wed., Dec. 21, 3 p.m.
Chuncheow and Amoy	Tsinan	Wed., Dec. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Sandakan	Hinsang	Thurs., Dec. 22, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Hunan	Thurs., Dec. 22, 8.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Calcutta	Suisang	Thurs., Dec. 22, Noon.
Haiphong	Toksang	Thurs., Dec. 22, 1 p.m.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due London, 20th December.		
	K.P.O.	Thurs., Dec. 22.
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Reg.		Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
Ord.		Dec. 22, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due Sydney, 31st December.		
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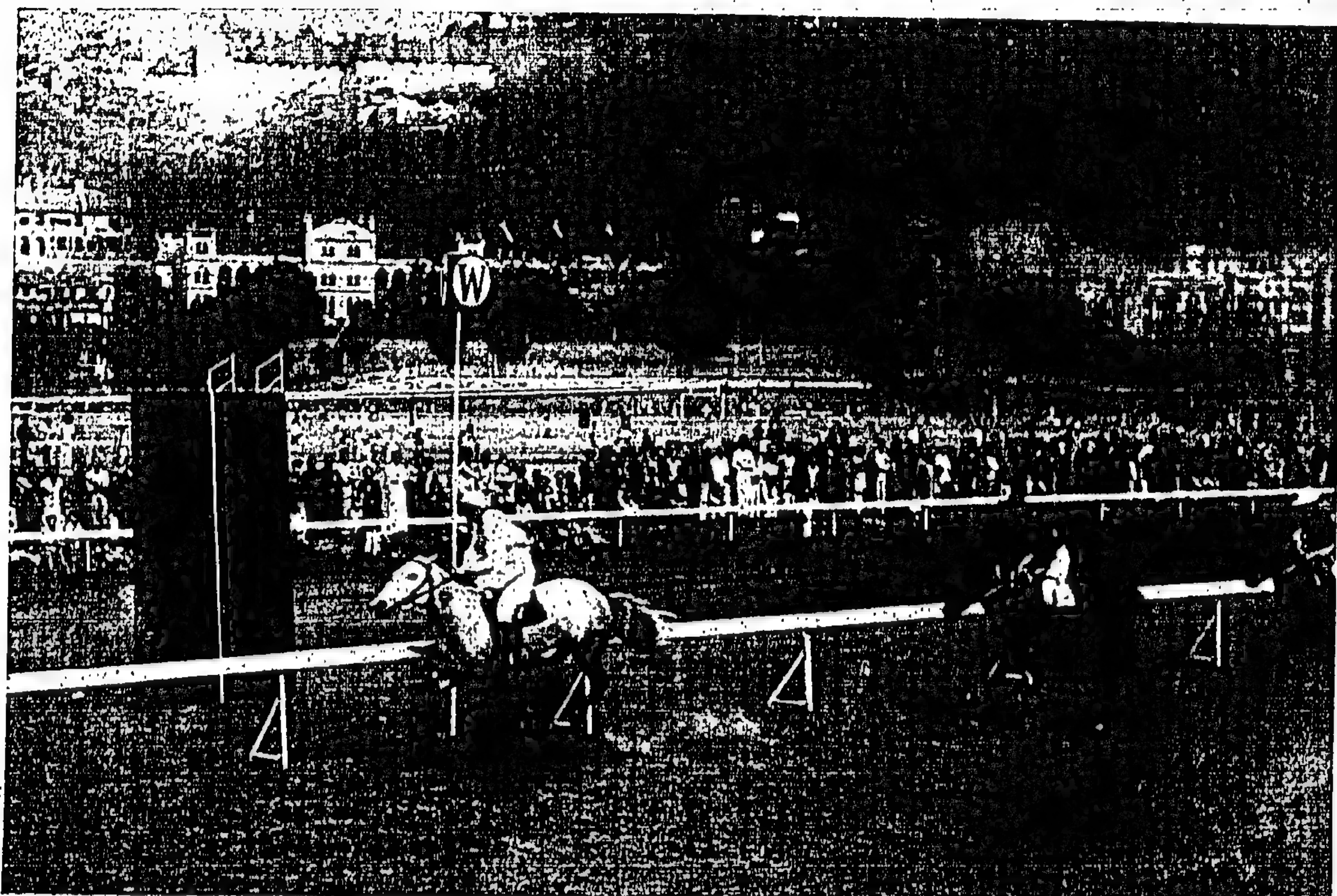
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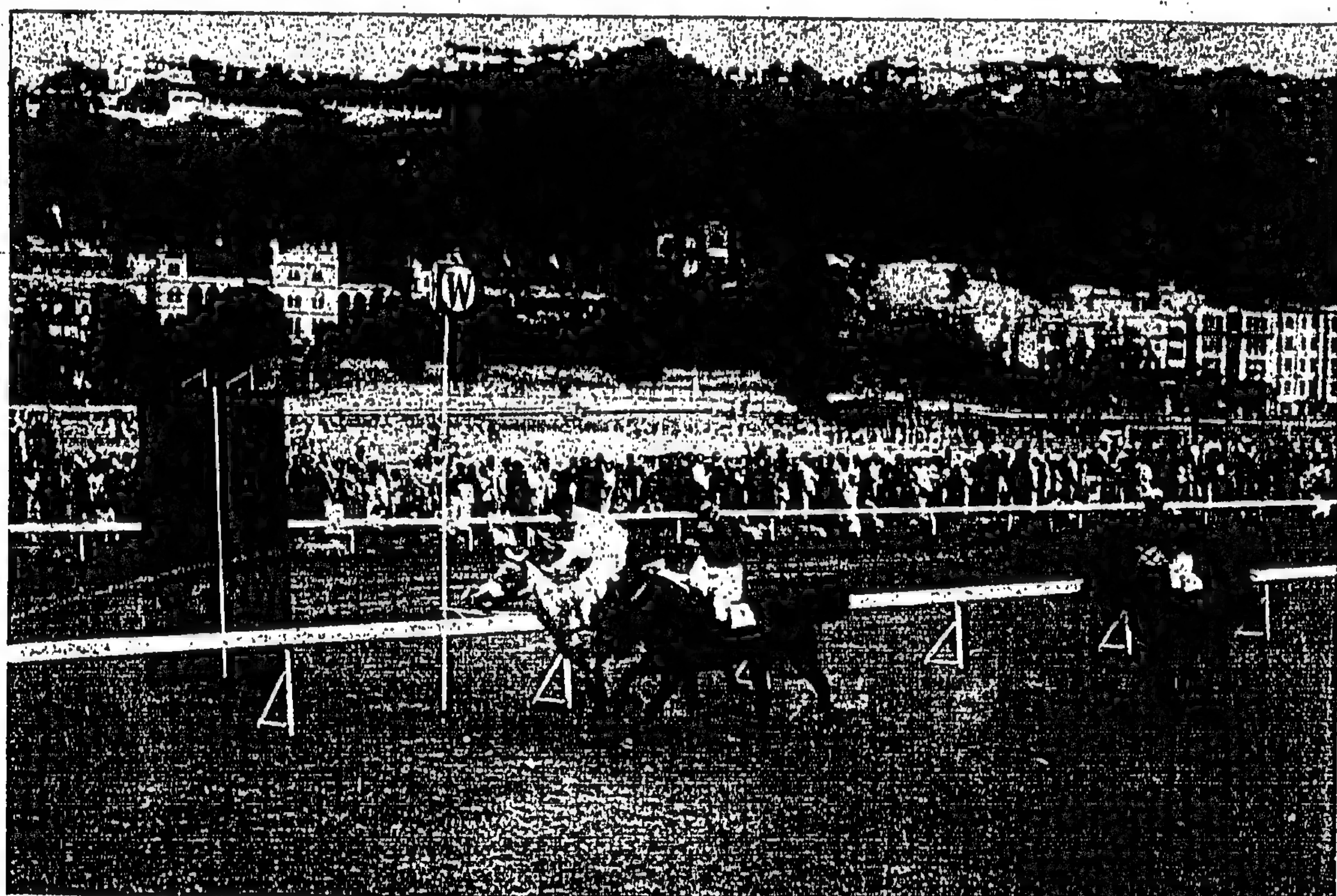
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## AT THE RACES ON SATURDAY



PICTURE SHOWS how easily Salvage Master, owned by Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield and ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao, won the Hongkong Autumn Sub-Griffins Champions on Saturday. Piet Hein was second and National Guard third.—Staff Photographer.



Mr. A. W. Raymond, riding Double Chance, just managed to push his pony's nose in front of Plain View in the Dilatory Handicap on Saturday, and paid backers \$45.70 for a win. The grey pony's outstretched neck earned him the victory. Flybynight is in third place on the right of the picture.—Staff Photographer.

## Drug Traffic Increase In East

LONDON, Dec. 19.  
IN THE HOUSE of Commons to-day, Mr. Hamilton Kerr drew attention to the large trade in narcotics which had been developed in 18 factories in the Peiping and Tientsin area, and asked whether the Japanese military authorities were encouraging and sanctioning the trade.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that he was aware of the existence of the factories, but he had no evidence of the attitude of the military authorities towards them.

Mr. Noel Baker asked whether it

was not a fact that since the Japanese had been in control, the traffic in drugs had developed. He suggested that the Government make representations to Tokyo.

Mr. Butler replied: "Perhaps Mr. Noel Baker will give me any further information in his possession. Our information tends to show what he says is correct."

Mr. Hamilton Kerr asked what steps were being taken to counteract the illicit importation of drugs which were turned out in vast quantities in Chinese territory under Japanese control.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd replied that there was no reason to suspect that drugs manufactured in the Far East were entering Britain.—Reuter.

The November issue of the Far Eastern Engineer, published by Millington Ltd., has been received.

## Yangtse Gunboats En Route To Shai

Shanghai, Dec. 19.  
H.M.S. Gnat broke down en route to Wuhu, but it is expected that the repairs will take only a few hours. The remainder of the gunboats will remain behind until the repairs are effected.

H.M.S. Mantis and Peterel are expected in Shanghai on December 24, while U.S.S. Monocacy, which is stopping over to re-fuel at Kukuang, will arrive on Christmas Day.—Reuter.

### JAPANESE CONVOY

Shanghai, Dec. 19.  
The U.S.S. Gunn, H.M.S. Mantis, Peterel, Gnat and Gnat proceeded down river from Hankow at 7.10 a.m. to-day accompanied by Japanese

## Smallpox Sweeps Through Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 20.  
The International Settlement and French Concession are at present in the grip of a serious spread of smallpox, which threatens to become an epidemic.

Despite intensive precautions, and free vaccinations, 273 new cases have been reported during the past week, including 12 foreigners.

Deaths during the week totalled 74 Chinese and four foreigners.—Reuter.

convoys. They are due to leave Kukuang to-morrow together with H.M.S. Cockrafer, and U.S.S. Monocacy.—United Press.

## CHINESE PLANES IN RAID ON CANTON

CANTON, Dec. 19.  
JAPANESE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS went into action in Canton yesterday following the greatest air raid yet staged by the Chinese air force on the former Kwangtung capital.

Unlike the Japanese air raids of the past, the Chinese units did not molest the city, concentrating on military objectives on the outskirts.

The Chinese planes, which encountered no opposition from Japanese machines, remained overhead for about two hours, during which time dozens of bombs were dropped on military objectives below.

Most of the detonations seemed to be occurring at White Cloud Mountain aerodrome, but some bombs were dropped at Saichuen.

Complete silence regarding the affair is being maintained by the Japanese authorities, but reliable Chinese sources claim that several trucks loaded with wounded Japanese were being proceeding along the Poon Fui Yulon, conveying the casualties to the Japanese Base Hospital at Tungshan.

It is believed that about fifty Japanese soldiers were wounded in the bombing.—Our Own Correspondent.

### JAPANESE RAID ON RELIGIOUS CENTRE

Hoku (Shansi), Dec. 19.  
Four hundred civilians are dead and several hundred are wounded as a result of a sudden air raid by Japanese planes on Tungsheng yesterday.

This famous religious centre was crowded with pilgrims when the raid commenced.

One of the bombs fell on the Toli-miao (temple) where most of the pilgrims had sought refuge.

After the bombing, Japanese pursuit planes machine-gunned the streets.—Central News.

## Somaliland Will Remain British

London, Dec. 19.  
Mr. Neville Chamberlain again emphatically denied to-day in the House of Commons the allegation that the British Government had made a proposal to the Italian Government for the cession to Italy of British Somaliland.—Trans-Ocean.

## JAPANESE GRIPPED BY PANIC IN CANTON

CANTON, Dec. 19.  
PANIC APPEARS to have gripped the small Japanese garrison in Canton.

Japanese soldiers openly express the conviction that a Chinese attack is imminent.

No attempt is being made to hide the result of a sudden sortie by Chinese soldiers or guerrillas. The Japanese garrison is so hopelessly inadequate that many people believe its fate would be sealed the moment Chinese troops succeeded in entering the city.

Tension almost reached breaking point yesterday, and unusual precautions were adopted by the garrison.

These included the sandbagging of headquarters at the old Police Headquarters and the stringing of barbed wire entanglements around the building; the installation of machine-gun posts at principal street intersections, and the entrenchment and sandbagging of streets.

Throughout to-day, Japanese sentries lay prone behind sand-bag barricades, with their fingers on the triggers of rifles and machine-guns. One of the reasons for the increased vigilance and tension may lay in a terrific explosion at Fotel early this morning.

The explosion was followed by intermittent rifle firing, which was audible at Shameen.

The Wongsha district has been closed to foreigners and Chinese following rifle firing from that area.—Our Own Correspondent.

A "Central News" message states that heavy loss of life was reported to have resulted from a fire aboard a Japanese merchant vessel off Yagshai Wharf, in the Yangtsepoos at Shanghai yesterday morning. The ship was loaded with chemicals.



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6.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.  
(a) My Own; (b) I'm Gonna lock my heart; (c) You're as pretty as a picture; (d) Mamma, I wanna make Rhythm.

6.14 Record: Ah! The Moon Is Here! (film "Footlight Parade"); Turn Back the Clock... Paul Whiteman presents Ramona and Her Grand Piano with clarinet and trumpet.

6.21 (a) Honey-suckle Rose; (b) Mama's gone Bye-Bye; (c) Moon Glow; (d) Rhythm Mad.  
6.35 Record: River Reveries... Quentin M. Maclean (Organ); Slow Fox-Trot Medley... Gerry Moore (Piano).

6.44: (a) I've got a date with a dream; (b) The Yam; (c) Bewildered; (d) Lullaby in Rhythm.  
7.0 Closing, local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Light Variety.  
Vocal—Robins and Roses (Burke); Len Bermon with Orchestra; Vocal—No Wonder She's A Blushing Bride (Ukelele Ike-Mills); Testa O'Shea with her band; Juleo and Orchestra; Vocal—Hiding the Range in the Sky (Carlton); Twilight On The Trail (film "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine"); Wilfrid Thomas (Baritone) with The Good Companions; Orch—Nobody's Sweetheart (Meyers-Schoebel); Moon Glow (De Lang-Mills); Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots in "Drumsticks"; Vocal—Panama (film "Swing High, Swing Low"); On A Tropic Night (film "Tropic Holiday"); Dorothy Lamour with Herbie Kay and His

Orchestra; Vocal—Ballerina (Boots); The Three Musketeers and Ragtime Busters.  
7.30 Grieg—Peer Gynt Suite No. 2 Op. 55.  
New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.  
7.45 B.B.C. Recording—"Breaking Athletic Records".  
A talk by Harold Abrahams.  
8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 Kotelbey—"In A Fairy Realm" Suite.  
Albert W. Kotelbey's Concert Orchestra conducted by the Composer.  
8.15 London Relay—The Snowman.

A play for broadcasting. Written and produced by Leslie Stoker.  
8.45 Studio—Piano Recital by Ruth Litvin.  
1. Prelude, Op. 28, No. 17 (Chopin); 2. Prelude, Op. 28, No. 24 (Chopin); 3. Consolation, No. 7 (Liszt); 4. Rhapsody, No. 8 (Liszt); 5. Military Band Music.  
8.50 Military Band Music.  
Taniello De Concert (Greenwood, arr. Godfrey)... Kyphophone Solo accompanied by The Band Of H.M. Grenadier Guards; The Voice Of The Bells (Luigini, arr. Miller); The Band Of H.M. Grenadier Guards under the direction of Major George Miller; Hungarian Fantasy (Flgedy)... Band Of The Royal Hungarian "Maria Theresia" Regiment; Palms Of Victory—March (Blankenburg)... Massed Military Bands.

8.50 London Relay—The News.  
8.55 Songs by Stuart Robertson (Baritone).  
Songs That Everybody Should Know... with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.  
10.0 Edwin Fischer at the Piano.  
Sonata In A Major, K.331 (Mozart); Romance In A Flat Major, K. Anh. 205 (Mozart).

10.22 Schubert—Quartet No. 14 In D Minor ("Death and the Maiden").  
Played by the Roth String Quartet.  
11.0 Close down.





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Lincoln Ellsworth, left, famed American explorer, chats with American Minister Leo J. Keena, just before leaving Capetown, South Africa, for further explorations in the Antarctic regions.

## Crinoline Too Dear A Fashion To Last

ENGLISH women are wearing crinolines again—but only for this season, say the fashion firms. It is too luxurious a style to last.

## EMPIRE NEWS

### Air Progress In New Zealand

Auckland. The first air direction-finding wireless equipment in New Zealand has been installed at Rongotai aerodrome, Wellington. Over 30,000 persons use the airport annually.

British Trade Commissioner—Mr. R. Boulter, the British Trade Commissioner in New Zealand, is to leave in January on an official visit and holiday leave trip to England.

### INDIA

### FALSE CONGRESS PROPAGANDA

Bombay. The irresponsible methods of Congress Press propaganda are shown by the report of the Committee of Inquiry on the Mysore rioting on Jan. 11, published recently.

The report mentions the accounts in newspapers to the effect that the police fired from inside a building upon crowds rushing through the narrow bazaar, killing 32. It had been proved to the Committee that all the windows of the building were covered with wire netting through which it would be impossible to pass a rifle.

The Congress leader had since admitted the impossibility of firing from these windows, explaining the newspaper reports as "hearsay." He admitted that he had told a newspaperman that "false reports to the Press don't matter."

The Mysore Government's official casualty list of 10 dead had been proved correct.

The Committee found that a Congress campaign of "unparalled violence" conducted without regard for truth, was responsible for the crowd's attack on the police who were forced to fire in self-defence. After this, "false information was broadcast to the world."

### COMMUNAL RIOTING

Calcutta. A Moslem and a Hindu were killed in rioting between workers and strikers at a jute mill near Calcutta. The rioting then assumed a communal character. Two European police officers and 42 other persons were injured and 150 arrests were made.

### SOUTH AFRICA

### TOWN PLANNING IN TABLE BAY

Cape Town. It is stated that an overseas company offered £8,000,000 for the land which is now being reclaimed from Table Bay through the construction of the new £6,000,000 harbour.

The offer was refused. The Cape Town Municipal Council will dispose of the land for an ambitious town-planning scheme which will completely alter the face of Cape Town. The reclaimed area will be about half the size of the present metropolitan area of the city.

Voortrekker Ceremony.—Because the Mayor is a Jew, Benoni Town Council will not be asked to participate in the Voortrekker centenary celebrations there. The committee responsible for celebrations asked the Mayor, Mr. M. Nestadt, to allow a Christian to represent the Council at

Imagine an evening dress that takes sixty yards of net, ten yards of tulle, and six and a half yards of ribbon to make; this was a crinoline frock made in London this season.

The simplest crinolines take twelve to fourteen yards of material. Compare this with the usual five or six yards for an evening dress, and you will see why a crinoline gown costs anything up to 50 per cent. more than a straight-skirted one.

English women prefer the petticoats stiffened with horsehair net instead of whalebone, as in America. The Duchess of Kent wore one of these modified crinolines when she danced at a ball in Bath last month.

London shops are selling a good many crinoline frocks. One, in white brocade, is being made as a wedding dress. Others are sold for dances and dinner.

Miss Chisholm, buyers for a big store, said, "People tell us they find them easy to wear. The only trouble is getting them in and out of cars—and, of course, it's no good expecting to cram into a theatre seat."

With the crinolines go all the other Victorian fashions—off-the-shoulder necklines, cameo brooches, neckbands, and hair ornaments. A lovely fashion while it lasts.

## Chinese Refugees: Gratitude

LADY Layton, chairman of the Clothing and Comforts Committee of the British Fund (late Lord Mayor's) for the Relief of Distress in China, writes:

I am sure your readers will be interested to hear that in a letter written by the secretary of the British Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai on October 21 he states:

"...at present in the settlement and concessions there must be about 60,000 refugees. Most of the clothing received from time to time from England has gone to the Chinese, but naturally there are many items, like plus fours, that are of no use to them. These are handed to the B.W.A. or King's Daughters' Society to give to foreigners, of whom they have many on their books—also refugees."

### "HERCULEAN TASK"

"But everything has been used. 'What Shanghai would have done without the Lord Mayor's Fund I cannot imagine. It was really a herculean task caring for all the refugees that poured in from up-river and down-stream and all over the country. This effort on the part of the British has been very much appreciated."

The Depot has already dispatched 1,465 bales of medical supplies and clothing, but the need is desperate. May I appeal to your readers to do all they can see that this supply remains constant or increasing?"

the ceremony. Mr. Nestadt declined to do this.

### JAMAICA

### LABOUR LEADER'S DEMANDS

Kingston. Alexander Bustamante, the Labour leader, in a statement before the Royal Commission characterised the last and present Government of Jamaica, the late Sir Edward Denham and Sir Arthur Richards, as "Fascists." He wants a minimum wage of a dollar a day for workers and old age pensions for Jamaica workers at 50.



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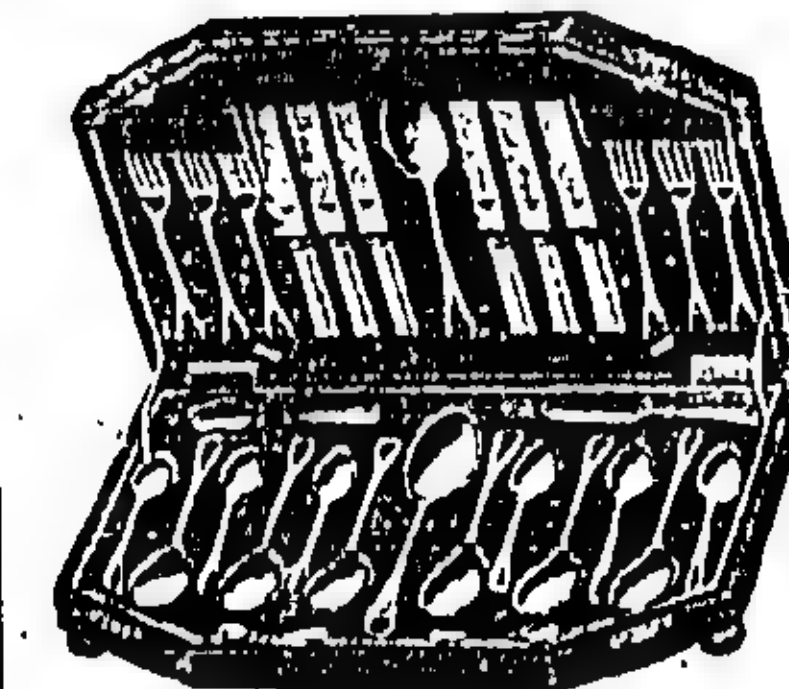
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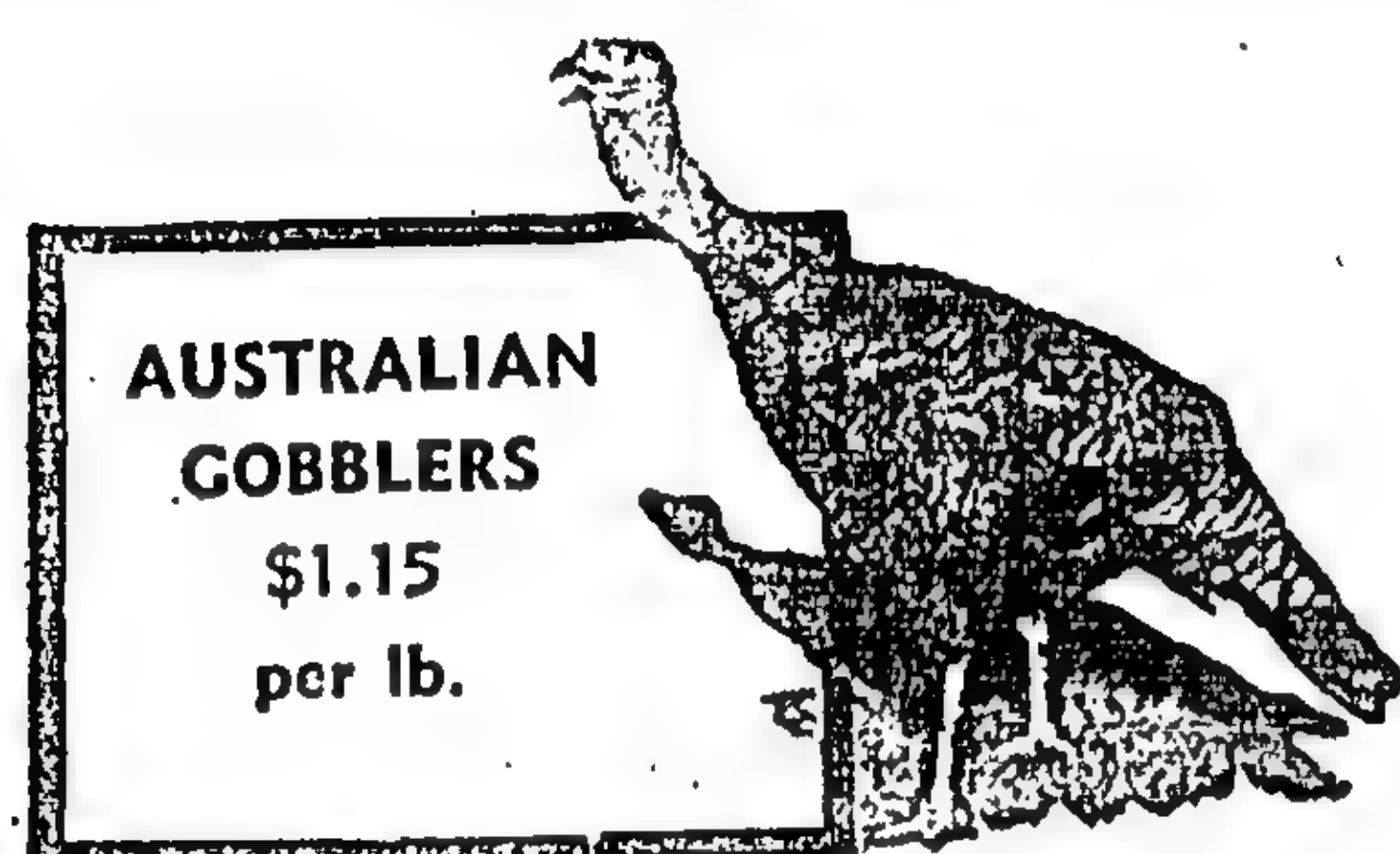




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# "BIGGLES" IS THE BOYS' HERO

## Pilot Writes About Himself, Becomes A World Seller

ALL the boys know "Biggles"!

Mr. George Vale, borough librarian at Bethnal Green, has been asking children between the ages of eight and fourteen about the books they like.

He found that Captain W. E. Johns, creator of "Biggles," has established his airman hero as a favourite among boys. Richmal Crompton's "William" books appealed to both boys and girls, and scored 38 votes. The "Milly-Molly-Mandy" books, beloved of younger girls, came second with 34 votes.

"Biggles" got the boys' votes—15 of them. Dickens—mainly "Oliver Twist"—came fourth with 13 votes. "Robinson Crusoe," "Kidnapped" and "Treasure Island" got only one vote each. The old give place to the new!

"Time was," says Mr. Vale, "when the bulk of children's reading was confined to school stories. Now the interest has shifted to the air; air-screws, all-rounder pilots and crude oil are the new symbols of speed and conquest."

Now meet "Biggles!" He is Major James Bigglesworth, war ace and post-war pilot, known as "Biggles."

Captain W. E. Johns, who records his adventures in the air, is 45, keen-eyed, parts his hair in the middle, is married and lives at Reigate. He thinks the average boy "a very fine chap," and finds boys likeable because they are "so genuine."

### SHOT DOWN IN PLANE

He likes writing for them, and knows what he is writing about. For 11 years, during the War and after, he served in the Royal Flying Corps and the R.A.F. He knows what it feels like to be shot at, hit, and to fall helplessly in a plane out of control.

In September, 1918, with a dead gunner behind him, he was shot down by enemy scouts from a height of 19,000 feet, captured, sentenced to death by court-martial and escaped twice.

"Biggles" was born out of all that. "In a way," declared Captain Johns, "he is myself. I was in the Yeomanry when war broke out, went to the Middle East, got dysentery and malaria in Macedonia, decided I had had enough of trench warfare, and transferred to the R.F.C. in 1916. I served in the Force till 1928."

All the writing about flying at that time was being done in America. Captain Johns found boys here reading thrilling stories about American airmen and thought they should hear a bit about British pilots and the work they did.

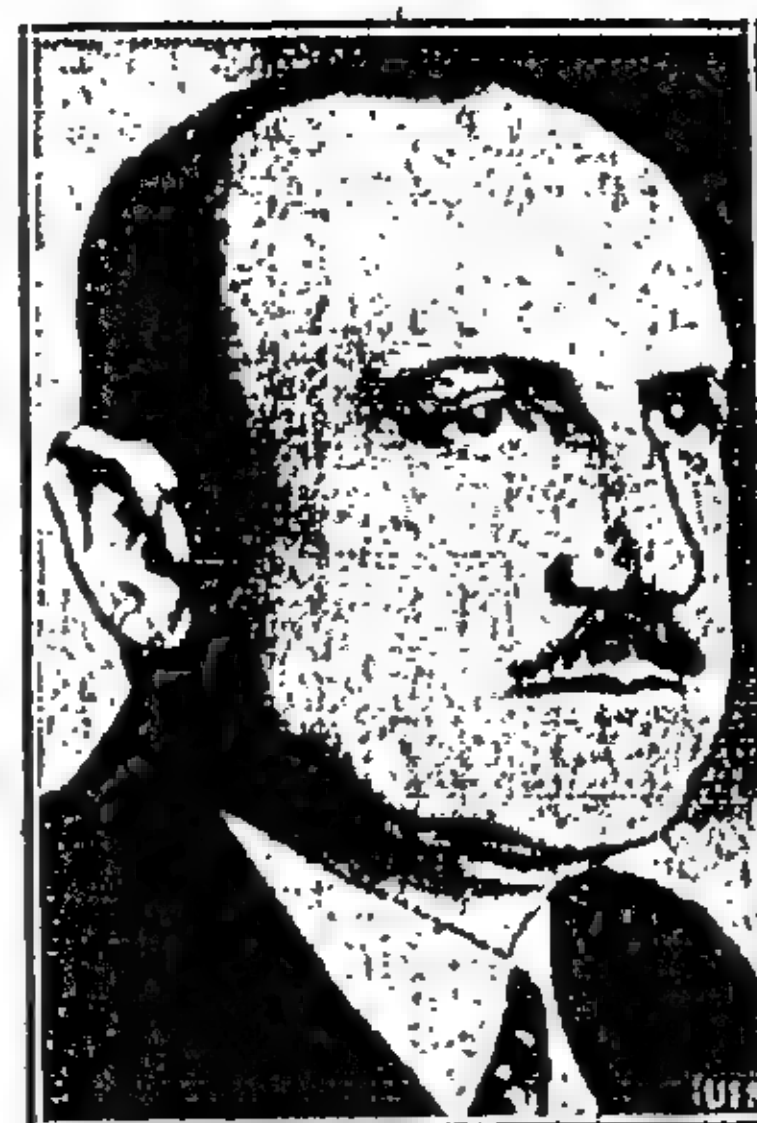
"I knew some very fine fellows during the war and got fed up when I found all the glory of aviation going to America. So I started 'Popular Flying' to tell the world about British flying."

"It has now become a technical magazine, but 'Biggles' made his bow there in a short story. He came into a serial; then the publishers wanted a book about him. That was about 12 years ago. Since then I have written 28 books about Bigglesworth and I expect I shall go on."

"I can't get away from him, though I tried twice. Besides being a well-known boys' hero, he is also a most remunerative one! I have just finished a new book about him and am taking the day off."

Boys are "speedily unconvinced" these days when authors make blunders about aeroplanes. Captain Johns thinks that is one reason for the popularity of "Biggles." Another may lie in his confession—"I've never quite grown up myself!"

The "Biggles" books have been translated into at least five languages, and Captain Johns gets letters from boys in all parts of the world, from Norway to Peru. Strangely enough, "Biggles" is enormously popular in Germany, though he is always shooting down German planes!



Under an agreement between the United States and Mexico, Gustavo P. Serrano, left, Mexican civil engineer, and Lawrence M. Lawson, irrigation engineer of El Paso, Tex., will place a value on lands in Mexico taken from American owners. Mexico has agreed to pay \$1,000,000 before May 13, 1939, and other amounts annually.

## Indian Princess Acts In New Play

PRINCESS INDIRA OF KAPUR-THALA, who has broken away from Indian tradition to become an actress, sat in a dressing room in Beaufort Gardens, Knightsbridge, recently, and told why she did it.

Earlier she had acted the part of a Turkish slave girl in the new play at the Gate Theatre, "The Heart Was Not Burned."

Beautiful 23-year-old daughter of the Maharajah of Kapurthala's son and heir, she rebelled against "repeating the out-worn pattern" of life as a princess.

### FAMILY OPPOSED

"My family, especially my grandfather whose favourite I am, opposed me strongly."

"They urged me to marry first. Then I could have my own stage company and my own film studio without leaving India."

"I should have been happy to remain in India if my grandfather had let me help him with State work, but tradition was too much for him, and he refused."

### Family Affair

GEORGE SMITH, aged 32, and his brother Ted, aged 27, of Hanbury-street, Battersea, are marrying two sisters at the Servite Church, Fulham, on Boxing Day.

The sisters are Joan and Mary Darling, of Darlan-road, Fulham. Joan is 20 and Mary 19.

The "best men" will be two brothers of the brothers.

The bridesmaids will be three sisters of the brothers and the only sister of the brides.

Father J. O'Neill, who will marry the couples, was at school with the brides' father.

## Fell In Love At Operation

Marion Mason, senior staff nurse, was 21 when Dr. William Grissane, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, was appointed to St. James's Hospital, Balham, London, S.W.

She was on the operating theatre staff, and was on duty when Dr. Grissane performed his first operation at the hospital. His skill saved a life, and she fell in love with him.

That was four years ago. Soon Miss Mason is to marry the doctor, who is 40. Her only regret is that she will no longer assist him in his work.

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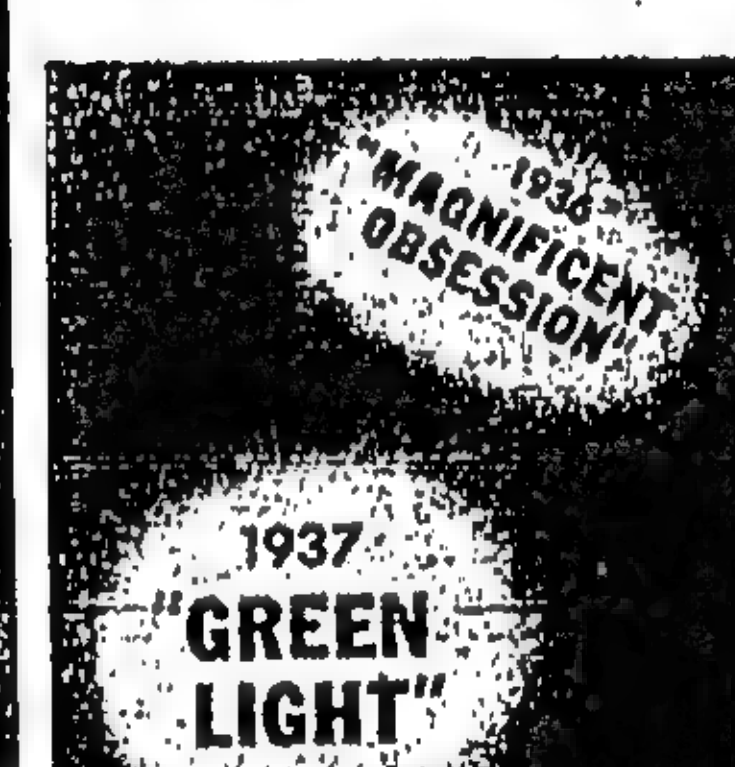
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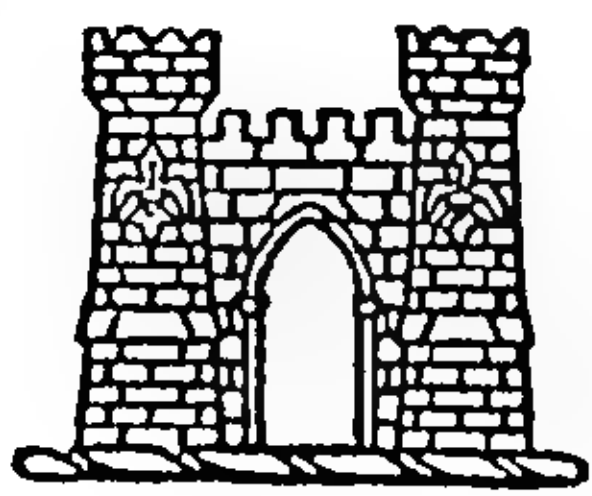
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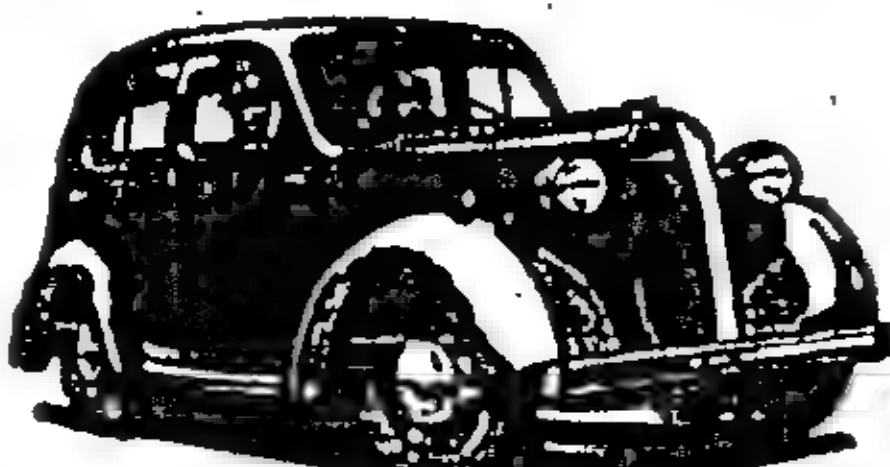
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#### Non-Stop to Madness

The whole fabric of Law and Order, upon which our Civilisation is based, is rapidly disintegrating.

That criminal result of the monstrous policy of armamentation upon which the entire world has embarked is becoming an inexorable certainty from which, soon, there can be no escape.

Every nation is wasting its substance in preparation for the calamity of another World War. The cost of armaments has reached astronomical proportions, representing a drain upon the world's resources that is staggering in its immensity.

We, as individuals, appear powerless to halt this insane folly that can have but one ending—War and the destruction of a civilisation that has taken centuries to mould.

The real tragedy of the calamity that has overtaken the world is the helplessness of the masses. As if hypnotised, we can do nothing but stand impotent, as nation after nation is seized by the maniacal jungle phobia—the law that only the fit can survive and the weak are doomed—and join in the race for survival.

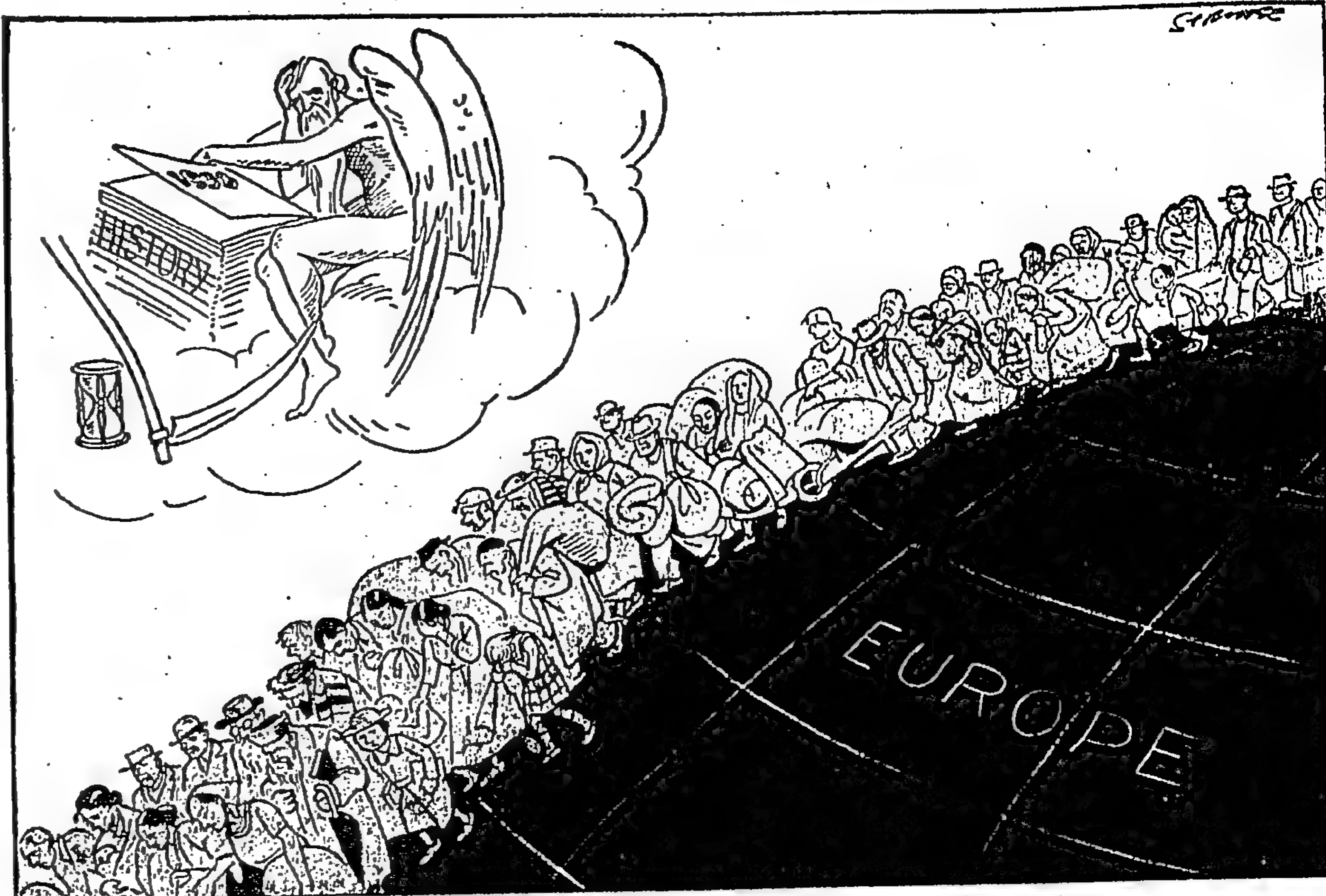
The climax, terrible to contemplate, is certain unless a wave of sanity can miraculously rid the world of its insane fears.

To the mad rush for armaments and yet more armaments there must be an ending, for no nation can indefinitely bear the terrific financial and economic strain upon its resources. That ending is—War.

By the law of the jungle which the nations of the world have adopted, the weakest must be the first to drop from the race. That will not be the fate of Democracy, as exemplified by Great Britain and the United States, both of which are able to bear much greater amputations of wealth and resources for security than they have yet been called upon to suffer. It will be the fate of the Totalitarians, whose life-blood has already been drained away by reckless transmutations that have sought to vitalise their war machines.

The fear that clutches at the heart of man is this: will Totalitarianism, if its recklessness hurls it over the brink of the abyss, go over alone? Or will it, in obedience to the law of the jungle it has instituted, turn on its victors and, in one last despairing effort, carry them and Civilisation, too, into the depths below?

The road nations are following is the road to madness. Pray God that, before it is too late, they will find sanctuary in sanity.



FATHER TIME: "IF I WRITE THIS DOWN UNDER 1938 A.D. THEY WON'T BELIEVE IT."  
—Strube in the London "Daily Express"

HOW DOES it all come about that Memel, this commonplace Baltic seaport, which, in spite of its 700 years of history, has dull modern buildings and provincial shops, should have such power to deepen the anxieties of a statesman?

It is a German town and it is on Lithuanian soil. It is a Lutheran town, and it is in a Roman Catholic State. It is German because it was founded by Germans and settled by Germans. It is Lithuanian because the Lithuanians grabbed it. The Teutonic Knights founded it as an outpost of Christendom in the heathen and Slavonic East. They spread the religion of Jesus with the sword.

Perhaps missionary zeal was not the only incentive of these warriors. Memel stands at the eastern end of the Amber Coast. Under the waters of the Baltic, somewhere opposite the town of Königsberg, is a sunken amber reef.

When storms trouble the waters amber, broken off this reef, is washed on to the sands between Danzig and Memel. Through long centuries this has gone on, so that amber not only can be found on the shore, but is also mined under dry land.

Of the quarter-million pounds of amber found every year in the world, 220,000 pounds come from this region. The Teutonic Knights presented themselves with a monopoly of all the amber found. Penalty for poaching—death by hanging.

Before the war Memel was a depressed German seaport. It was depressed because it was cut off from its hinterland; the Lithuanian farmlands and the forests of Poland. The Russian Empire, in which those territories were incorporated, had seaports of its own, Libau, Vindau, and Riga. They got the business which would naturally have been Memel's.

Forgotten by the world was sleepy Memel until the Treaty of Versailles took it from Germany and set up an inter-Allied Administration. Memel's destiny was to remain in suspense until the statesmen of the Allies, busy about their godlike task of reshaping a world by drawing new lines on maps in Paris, should have made up their minds what was to be done with it.

This was the situation, from 1919 to the month of January

## The Story of

# M E M E L

Names—New Dortmund, Meadburg, Memel, Klaipeda.

Owners—Knights of the Teutonic Order, Hanseatic League, Swedes, Prussians, Lithuanians.

Present Status—Bone of contention between Adolf Hitler's Reich and Antanas Smetona's Republic of Lithuania.

Future—Only certainty which can be predicted is that of a new cause of embarrassment to distracted democracy.



Main Street, Memel.

by Alexander  
Alan Whelan

1923. A High Commissioner of the Allies, a Frenchman, ruled in the Memel prefecture. A garrison of 200 French soldiers gave reality to his government with their bayonets.

Germany was prostrate. Lithuania was in arrogant mood. She had been stung in her national pride by the seizure of Vilna, once her capital, by the Poles. The Lithuanians demanded that Memel be handed over to them. True, its people were German, but the inhabitants of the country districts round the town were Lithuanian. Besides, it was Lithuania's only possible outlet to the sea.

A conference of Ambassadors had met; proposed that Memel be given the same status as Danzig. Lithuania rejected their excellencies' suggestions. Memel must be Lithuanian!

The month of January 1923 was a time of crisis. It was one of those crowded moments when the long agony of post-war Europe crystallises in conflict and decision. Statesmen were concerned with great issues. Newspapers were electric. Destiny moved at a gallop.

The French had taken the fateful decision to enter the

Ruhr. Bonar Law had taken the equally fateful decision that the British would not march with them.

On January 11 the sky-blue columns of French infantry marched into Essen. About the same time, note two events of the highest significance. The Americans decide to withdraw their troops from Germany. A "Herr Adolf Hitler," leader of the National Socialists, "the so-called Fascists of Bavaria," addresses a huge demonstration at Munich. The crowd swears vengeance on France.

At a conference at Lausanne, Lord Curzon was patching up a peace treaty with the resurgent Turkey of Kemal Pasha. In the United States, Mr. Baldwin was talking Debt Settlement with the Americans.

In a by-election in Newcastle East the big issue was what the newspapers called "our constant problem," unemployment.

On the vast and stormy horizon of this world of January 1923, where huge black clouds raced into the sky, one new cloud appeared—Memel. A small cloud, so small that the newspapers hardly noticed it.

On January 10, it was reported that Lithuanian bands were advancing on the town. They were in civilian clothes but they wore green armlets. It appeared that there were several thousands of them, perhaps as many as 8,000.

It was a raid, and in force. Kovno, capital of Lithuania, reported that the Memel population, crying, "Down with the German Free City," had, by spontaneous act, formed a Supreme Council of Defence and demanded incorporation in Lithuania.

The 200 French soldiers announced that they would resist the invaders to the last.

Ambassadors met in Paris. The British cruiser Caledon was ordered to the Baltic. A French colonel was despatched to command the garrison. An Allied protest went to Lithuania.

Meanwhile, the Lithuanian raiders came nearer. They have exchanged shots with the French. They demand the withdrawal of the French troops. Another Allied protest is sent to Lithuania.

Then, on January 16, all is over. The green-armleted raiders close in on the French garrison. There is fighting round the prefecture. It is said that the French fight valiantly, though desperately outnumbered. It is certain that they do not fight to the last. The newspapers report one Frenchman killed and three wounded before a truce is called.

The French High Commissioner makes his last and most solemn protest. And that is all. Memel is in the hands of the Lithuanians. A month later the conference of Ambassadors proposes that the town should be handed over to Lithuania provided it is given a measure of local autonomy.

The green-armlets filter back to Lithuania proper, their work done. They can feel confident that, in the words of the Lithuanian Prime Minister, a solution will be found which "corresponds with the wishes of the population."

And so it proves. In due course, the League of Nations throws the cloak of legality and respectability over the land-grabbing exploit of the Lithuanians. Memel becomes an autonomous unit with the sovereignty of Lithuania. Britain, France, and Italy are guarantors of her Constitution.

That the day will come when the world is once more busy, its statesmen distracted, its international machinery in hopeless disorder—that there may once more be raiders on the roads near Memel, with armlets, but not green armlets—swastikas this time, the raiders of Herr Hitler!—this is a conception that was far, far away from the thoughts of men in January 1923.

Not so far in December, 1938!



# Japan's Foreign Minister 'Explains' Situation

## Establishment of New Order in China: Effect on Occident

### CO-PARTNERSHIP OF EASTERN NATIONS

TOKYO, Dec. 19.

RECEIVING SOME FIFTY foreign correspondents this afternoon for the first time since his resumption of the Foreign Affairs portfolio in October last, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hachiro Arita, issued the following statement.

"As has been made clear by the statement of November 3, by the Japanese Government, what Japan desires is the establishment of a new order which will ensure the permanent stability of East Asia, or, in other words, the establishment of a relationship of mutual helpfulness and co-ordination between Japan, Manchukuo and China in political, economic and cultural fields.

"That the formation of a closely co-operative relationship between the three countries is an imperative necessity is explained by the fact that it is in its political aspect, a measure of self-defence against the Communist menace and of safeguarding the civilisation and culture of the Orient, and, in its economic aspect, a measure of self-protection in the presence of a world-wide tendency to erect high customs barriers and to employ economic measures for political ends.

**SEMI-COLONIAL STATUS**

"It is not only of benefit to the Chinese people themselves but to the whole of East Asia to lift China from its present semi-colonial status to the position of a modern State.

"The establishment of a new order, that is, of a relationship of mutual aid and co-ordination between Japan, Manchukuo and China, simply signifies the creation of a solidarity between the three countries for the common purpose of preserving the integrity of East Asia while enabling each nation to maintain its independence and fully to develop its individuality.

**INFLEXIBLE RESOLUTION**

"It is the firm conviction of Japan that a new order will be perfectly in consonance with international justice and will contribute toward the peace and tranquillity of East Asia. It is her inflexible resolution to carry out this policy in this era.

The new order envisages a certain degree of economic cohesion and co-operation between Japan, Manchukuo and China and the formation of a single economic unit in the presence of similar units which already exist elsewhere and which are both powerful and self-sufficient.

"At the moment, and not a few observers are inclined to feel as though Japan, by the inauguration of the so-called Japan-Manchukuo-China economic bloc, were arriving at the exclusion from East Asia of all enterprises, capital investments, trade and other economic activities on the part of foreigners.

"It is quite regrettable that some such view is to be seen reflected in the comments of various newspapers and magazines published in Europe and America.

**"EQUALITY"**

"Japan has long at heart the principle of equality in commercial opportunities, and as a matter of fact that principle has received scant regard elsewhere, and Japan's products of good quality and moderate price have everywhere been subjected to discriminatory treatment.

"Japan nevertheless believes that the way to bring about the prosperity of each and every nation is to give effect to the principle of equality, and she upholds freedom of economic activity in all parts of the world as a matter of principle.

"It is far from Japan's thought to aim at excluding European and American economic activities from East Asia.

"It is imperative, however, that the economic activities of other Powers should be subject to certain restrictions dictated by the requirements of the national defence and economic security of those countries grouped under the present order, and that the national privileges should be attached to these activities.

"But even if these restrictions are put in force there will remain vast fields of commercial and economic

activity open to the peoples of other Powers.

"The formation of an economic co-partnership of nations, such as is contemplated for Japan, Manchukuo and China would by no means entail any diminution of trade between that group and other countries.

"In this connection I might add a few words regarding Manchukuo. To say that this new State has been closed to Powers other than Japan is a gross misstatement, for statistics show plainly the progressive increase that has characterised the foreign trade of Manchukuo during the past few years.

### Scots Privates Fined For Theft

Pte. Allan McRae 23, and Pte. Gordon Harris MacMillan 21, both of the 2nd Bn., The Royal Scots Regiment, were each fined \$20 or one month's imprisonment by Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when they admitted a charge of theft of two gold signet rings from the A. G. James Jewellery shop in Nathan Road on December 10.

Pte. Lou Brady, 22, of the 1st Bn., The Middlesex Regiment, who received a similar sentence on Friday, walked into the shop in question on Dec. 10 accompanied by McRae and MacMillan and asked to be shown some signet rings.

A box of gold rings was produced and Brady, after inspecting the rings suddenly handed two rings to his companions and taking one for himself, dashed out of the shop. All three were arrested after a chase.

An officer of The Royal Scots Regiment yesterday said that both McRae and MacMillan had very bad army records.

Detective Sergeant A. F. Cochrane prosecuted.

### Lady Put Down Her Handbag—Presto!

While shopping in the Swatow Lane Company, Pedder Street, yesterday, Mrs. Anderson, of Stanley, lost her handbag, which she had placed on the counter of the shop.

The handbag contained money and articles to the value of \$170.

### Ciano Welcomed In Hungarian Capital

Budapest, Dec. 19.

Unity in the Berlin-Rome axis is the keynote of the welcome given Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, by the Hungarian press to-day, which makes no mention of Hungarian claims for Ruthenia, or the other controversial issues likely to disturb the harmony of the axis.

It is generally expected that Count Ciano will stress the necessity of Germany and Italy pursuing an identical policy in Central Europe.

It is emphasised in political quarters that Hungary is determined to follow the political guidance of the axis Powers, to which she owes her recent territorial gains.—United Press.

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### BIG NAVY ADDITIONS

#### 130 Ships Constructing in France

PARIS, Dec. 19.

THE FRENCH NAVAL construction programme for 1939 includes 130 units, of which some are already under construction, stated the French Minister of Marine, M. Camille, this afternoon.

These units are to include four battleships of 35,000 tons displacement, two aircraft-carriers of 18,000 tons each, three cruisers of 8,000 tons each, and numerous smaller vessels and submarines.

The total tonnage will be 340,000 tons.

The Minister declared that this construction programme was without precedent in French history, and that even in 1913, immediately before the start of the Great War, France built fewer warships than are planned for the coming year.

In order to rush construction, the different factories concerned with the production of equipment are working overtime.

M. Camille confirmed reports that the first French battleship, Richelieu, which is in the 35,000 tons class, will be launched on January 17, and he stated that on the same day another 35,000 ton battleship would be placed in the stocks.

Through this programme, stated the Minister, France will give evidence of her intentions to assume a prominent place among the sea Powers.—Trans-Ocean.

### Chinese Re-Occupy Railway Districts

CANTON, Dec. 19.

It is reported that the Japanese forces have evacuated Changchun and Koonshan, both of which are stated to have been re-occupied by the Chinese.

Practically the entire Kowloon Canton Railway zone below Sheklung, on the East River, has been re-occupied by Chinese troops.

During the past week, however, units of the Japanese forces have periodically pushed down the line towards the Hongkong frontier and some spirited encounters have been reported.—Our Own Correspondent.

### Rain, Snow Halt War In China Interior

MILO (Hunan), Dec. 10.

RAIN AND SNOW have halted the China War in the interior.

Only spasmodic operations, in which guerillas have taken the initiative, are occurring on the northern Hunan front.

The guerillas are constantly harassing the Japanese, whose mechanised units are quagmired, and whose troops have remained completely stationary since the advance on Changsha was dramatically halted six weeks ago.

Approximately twenty-five Japanese naval vessels are anchored in the Yangtze River at Pailoh, some miles north of Yoyang.

Ironically enough, while Japanese troops have ceased operations ashore because of heavy rain, Japanese warships have been immobilised by the sudden winter drop in the level of the Yangtze River and Lake Tungting.

The latter, which rises to thirty feet during the summer, is now nothing but 3,000 square miles of mud, through which tiny rivulets trickle to the outlet in the Yangtze.

Elsewhere in China, the stalemate still continues, broken only by the operations of Chinese guerillas.

The latter have re-occupied another town in Shantung, with the fall of Changku, north-east of the former Japanese military headquarters at Tsinan. The town was recaptured by mobile units under General Shih Yu-san, following a bitter encounter with the Japanese garrison.

After some hours the Japanese were forced to retire, abandoning considerable quantities of munitions and war materials.—Central News.

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Jan. (1939)	8.22/22	8.29/30
Mar. (1939)	8.19/19	8.27/27
May (1939)	8.01/01	8.07/10
July (1939)	7.72/72	7.80/82
Oct. (1939)	7.44/44	7.55/55
Dec. (1939)	7.48/48	7.58/58
Spot		8.22/22

New York Rubber

December	16.42N
Mar. (1939)	16.25/24
May	16.10/20
September	16.30/31
October	16.30/30

Sales for the day: 3,010 tons.

Chicago Wheat

December	64	63 3/4
May	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2
July	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2

Saturday's Sales: 6,481,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

December	50 1/2/50
May	52 1/2/52 1/2
July	53 /53

Winnipeg Wheat

December	60 1/2/60 1/2
May	61 1/2/61 1/2
July	61 1/2/61 1/2

### 'Below Zero' Grips Whole of Europe

BERLIN, Dec. 19.

WITH THE THERMOMETER, at 16.1 degrees centigrade below zero (one degree fahrenheit below zero) Monday has been the coldest December day experienced in Berlin since 1935, when the thermometer fell to 16.16 degrees centigrade below zero on December 11.

Meteorologists here point out that December is generally far from being the coldest month in Germany, where much lower temperatures are, as a rule, recorded in January and February.

However, it is expected that the thermometer will drop still further in the course of the next few days.

The severe cold is adversely affecting Christmas shopping.

Winter sports enthusiasts, on the other hand, hope that the cold spell with the addition of snow, will extend over the Christmas holidays.

**FLU RAGES IN JEW NO MAN'S LAND**

Bentschen, Poland, Dec. 19.

An epidemic of influenza has threatened to break out in the Polish-Jew refugee camp in "No Man's Land" on the frontier as a cold wave has set in.

Over 600 refugees are at present ill with influenza and tonsillitis, and hundreds of the other 5,000 in the camp have colds.

Since they arrived at the camp, ten persons have died, according to camp executive officers. The hospital at the camp is crowded, and many who are ill have been taken to private homes in the village of Bentschen.

The refugees are those who were expelled from Germany six weeks ago.—United Press.

**SHORTAGE OF COAL**

London, Dec. 19.

Bitterly cold weather is being experienced in most European countries.

In Poland and Czechoslovakia there were 60 degrees of frost and children have been told to stay away from school until further notice.

As most of the Czech coal fields have been ceded to Germany, there is a shortage of coal in Prague and the price of this commodity has risen by half.

In the Baltic two ships came to grief and the crew suffered badly from exposure.—Reuter Bulletin.

**SNOWSTORM IN SIAN**

Sian, Dec. 20.

The first snowstorm of the year occurred here yesterday. It raged from 2 o'clock in the afternoon and shaved no signs of abating late in the night. The whole city is blanketed with white.—Central News.

**BRITAIN SHIVERING**

London, Dec. 19.

The cold is even more intense to-day, whilst the temperature is still dropping.

There are no prospects of a change for at least 48 hours.

It is likely to be the most bitter pre-Christmas spell for twenty years.

In most parts of London, snow fell heavily though the icy wind prevented it from settling.

The cold is accompanied by a gale in the English Channel.

One hundred and twenty passengers who boarded a Channel steamer yesterday crossed the Channel three times before they were able to land at Dover to-day, nineteen hours after embarking.

Within two hours to-day, four deaths from cold were reported to the Southend Police.

Car radiators froze whilst the cars were actually travelling on the road.—Reuter Special.

**10 FROZEN TO DEATH**

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 19.

Ten people have been frozen to death in Bulgaria which is being swept by blizzards which are extraordinary in their intensity.

Communications all over the country have been interrupted and shipping in the Black Sea, where a terrific gale is blowing, is at a standstill.

The snow is eight feet deep in the mountains.—Reuter Special.

### 35 Die In Brazil Train Collision

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 19.

Thirty-five were killed and over sixty injured in a collision between two passenger freight trains at Juiz de Fora, a hundred miles to the north of Rio de Janeiro.

The disaster is one of the greatest in the history of the Brazilian railway.—Reuter Special.

### Man, Eats 120 Oysters

Sydney, N. S. W.

T. W. Rattigan, 71, ate 120 dozen oysters at one sitting at a luncheon held in connection with the eleventh annual Oyster Growers' conference here. His performance is acclaimed as the best weight-for-age feat seen at the conference for many years.

### Woman Loved Psychologist

## Chose To Die Where Man had To Pass

A WOMAN'S infatuation for a director of a psychology club in Belgravia was mentioned at an inquest in Ilford recently on Sarah Margaret Burbidge, aged thirty-six.

Two days before Miss Burbidge jumped in front of a train at Barking, Essex, she had told an aunt, Mrs. Owen, of East Ham, that she would die at a spot where the man had to pass.

"She told me she was terribly fond of him," she said. She said they used to embrace "quite a lot" and she had shown him parts of letters Collier had written. One passage was: "If you have lost faith in me I have not lost faith in you."

That had reference to another girl in the club, Mr. Collier was seen out with this girl and his sister resented it.

**"NEVER IN LOVE"**

Mr. Burbidge said that about three years ago Mr. Collier used to send his sister three or four letters a day, but recently he had written about once a week. He did not think Mr. Collier reciprocated his sister's affection.

Mr. Alfred J. Collier, of Ilford, a schoolmaster, said he was never in love with Miss Burbidge "in any sense whatever." He denied he wrote to her three or four times a day, and said the letters he did write were written only because he knew she was lonely and he wanted to help her.

He had to prevent her from monopolising his time after club meetings, and on one occasion when she wanted to accompany him to Liverpool Street he had to escape into a restaurant and remain there an hour.

The coroner: Did she complain to you that you had dropped her for Betty?

Mr. Collier: I do not remember anything about that.

The coroner said there was no reason to blame Mr. Collier. The woman appeared to be in love with him. A verdict of "Suicide while the balance of the mind was disturbed" was returned.

### POPE COMPLETELY RECOVERED

Vatican City, Dec. 19.

It is understood that His Holiness the Pope has recovered from the attack of cardiac asthma which proved to be not as serious as thought at first.—Reuter Special.

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Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth are shown in happy mood in the royal box at the Coliseum, London, where they attended a variety show, recently. The British monarchs are planning to leave England on May 10, on the battle cruiser Repulse, for their visit to Canada, which will include a trip to the United States.

## EX-BUTCHER BOY BROKE PROMISE TO MARRY COOK

### "He Looked Into My Eyes": Damages £50

A FORMER butcher boy who courted an hotel cook was ordered at Leeds Assizes recently to pay her £50 damages for failing to keep his promise to marry her.

The girl, Rose Gregory, of Guilthwaite, near Rotherham, sued Christopher William Lawson Steel, now a master butcher, of Greame House, Muston, near Filey.

Dr. E. C. Chappell, for the girl, said there were two verbal promises of marriage, one in June, 1935, a month before Steel reached 21, and another in 1937.

"Then," said counsel, "this young man's ardour had cooled tremendously, and he took an engagement ring which he had given the plaintiff from her by force."

Dr. Chappell said the parties met in 1933 at Scarborough, and he added: "There passed between this pair a great number of affectionate letters, many have heaps of crosses. There are 24 dozen on one alone."

Steel became a partner in a butchering business. He bought a motor-car and a racehorse.

Miss Gregory bought articles for her "bottom drawer" and these were the subject of a claim for special damages.

**CROSSES**  
 Dr. Chappell added that under promise of marriage, there was intimacy.

The girl, a brunette, who gave her age as 24, said that at the time she met Steel in Scarborough, she was an assistant cook at an hotel.

The promise of marriage was made in Steel's car when he was taking her for a ride.

"He looked into my eyes," she added, "and said: 'Darling, will you

marry me? I am old enough to please myself and I have got plenty of money saved up."

She accepted him, remarking: "I will try and make you a good wife." Last year she noticed that he was more or less indifferent to her.

The defence was that the promise to marry was rescinded by mutual agreement.

Steel, in the box, said he was receiving only 50s. a week from the business and he had partly to support his mother and a sister.

#### "TURNED AWKWARD"

He denied making any fresh promise to marry Miss Gregory in 1937. They were friendly until the end of February last year, when Miss Gregory "turned awkward."

He denied taking the engagement ring from her by force. He said she gave it to him in the car and got out, threatening to drown herself.

Steel denied that he had bought a racehorse. His grandfather, he said, bought a horse, but it was not a racehorse and he gave only £50 for it.

## M.P. To Live In House With Evil Influence

"UNLUCKY" Kelvedon Hall, near Ongar, Essex, from which nuns fled two years ago after an uncanny series of tragedies, will soon be one of the show places of England.

Mr. Henry Channon, M.P. for Southend, and his beautiful £20,000-a-year wife, Lady Honour Channon, have transformed the severe convent building into a beautiful country house, complete with swimming pool, bathrooms, and electricity.

What were once nuns' cells and workrooms are now beautifully decorated rooms, furnished with valuable antiques bought and collected by Mr. Channon and his wife, who is the eldest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Ivens.

More than £20,000 has been spent on renovations, and another small fortune on furnishing the house.

The Channons defied local superstition in buying the convent.

Villagers remembered the amazing accidents which happened one after the other during the four years Kelvedon Hall was a convent.

#### "SOMETHING TERRIBLE"

After the last tragedy, in October 1936, Mary D'Alton, the Sister Superior of the Roman Catholic community, said:

"We are unanimous in the feeling there is something

terrible about the place. Since the day we came we have never felt happy. The convent seems to have some evil influence over us. It is uncanny to the last degree."

During the nine years the community was in Somerset there had been no trouble.

Then two years after taking Kelvedon Hall a little child fell in the play-ground of their school and died within a week from tetanus.

Later a workman was injured, and as the community was not insured they had to pay him 12s. 6d. a week for the rest of his life.

A few weeks afterwards a little girl who had been with the Convent for nine years developed pneumonia and died within three days.

#### FRIEND FOLLOWS FRIEND

In February 1936 a sister was drowned in the lake in the grounds. When taken from the water her hands were clasping a crucifix.

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# FOOTBALL OFFICIALS GIVE ADVICE TO REFEREES But Obstruction Rule Not Any Clearer

London, Dec. 1.  
Mr. Bert Mee, of Mansfield, Notts, president of the Referees' Association, and long established whistle-while-you-work, has called on Mr. Stanley Rouse, Football Association secretary, in a bid to end confusion over the official "N.B." footnote to Law 12, Section E, writes Stanley Hosley in the Daily Mail.

This meeting between a Football League referee and one of Soccer's loudest officials is almost historic. A referee may sometimes rise from his Cinderella status and get a personal chat with an F.A. official.

But it is rare to the point of being unknown for the F.A. to unbend and go into consultation with a League referee on a major point of policy.

Under Law 12, minus the footnote, it was the custom for referees to allow a defender to protect his goalkeeper by warding off an attacker irrespective of where the ball might be.

## CONFUSION

Then came the footnote stating that Law 12 was not intended to penalise a defender for charging with fair play as long as the players concerned are playing the ball.

This immediately tipped many referees into doubt, and disturbance and general confusion. Managers took to asking referees before the match exactly how they were going to interpret Law 12, so they could let their players know and keep them out of technical trouble. Harassed referees hung on, hoping the F.A. would do something. But still the F.A. answer was a stern "No reply." So the executive decided to go to headquarters themselves.

Result of the Messrs. Rouse-Mee talks was an official F.A. statement which was placed before referees and discussed at a secret meeting in London last night of League Referees, Section 4 (Southern). It ran as follows:—

"We must point out that there has been no alteration to the law. The note was inserted to help referees to interpret correctly the law concerning charging. During past years defenders have developed the practice of charging on-coming forwards without attempting to play the ball in order to prevent them from obtaining possession of the ball.

"When this has happened in the penalty area many referees have over-looked the offence; yet when the same offence has been committed in midfield they have promptly penalised the offending player."

## "NO ALTERATION"

"Referees—generally—appear to have taken the view that it is the prerogative of a full-back to charge or obstruct an opponent, not in possession of the ball, in order to protect the goalkeeper, or prevent his opponent gaining possession of the ball.

"We again emphasise that there has been no alteration to the law. A referee will give satisfaction if he enforces the law with regard to charging irrespective of where such charging takes place, and should use his discretion in all cases."

Though referees are delighted at some progress being made, they feel that last bit about "using discretion in all cases," puts them right back at the beginning again. "Same old story," I heard one comment. "Carry us so far, then drop us."

I understand that one referee of many seasons' experience suggested at the meeting that the only safe way out of the trouble was to make a goalkeeper immune from attack within the six-yard line (penalty area).

His idea was that six-yard immunity would prevent an attacker making the often idiotic dashes at a goalkeeper which led to his being obstructed by a defender, and which was the root of the trouble. This suggestion may re-echo, in official quarters.

## Scottish Cup Draw Announced Senior Clubs Steer Clear Of One Another

London, Dec. 19.

The following is the draw of the first round of the Scottish Cup, to be played on January 21:

Huntly v. Motherwell  
Edinburgh C. v. Stranraer  
Kilmarnock v. Berwick  
Falkirk v. Brechin City  
Clyde v. St. Johnstone  
Leith A.F. v. Airdrie  
Rathfriland v. Glasgow

Falkirk A.M. v. Elgin City  
Forfar A.F. v. Hibernian  
Blairgowrie v. Dumbarton  
King's Park v. Babcock and Wilcox

Alloa v. Ayr United  
Queen's Park v. St. Albans

Burnt Island v. Celtic  
St. Mirren v. Easter Stirling  
Bo'ness v. Hamilton  
Dundee v. St. Bernard's  
Dunfermline v. Girvan  
East Fife v. Stenhouse  
Cowdenbeath v. Montrose  
Queen's O.S. v. Arbroath  
Aberdeen v. Albion R.  
Nisbald v. Buckie Thistle  
Dunfermline v. Morton  
Third Lanark v. Clackmannanshire  
Hearts v. Penicuik

—Reuter.

## Cricket

### TRANSVAAL HELD BY TOURISTS

M.C.C. Had Worse  
Of A Draw

Johannesburg, Dec. 19.  
The match between the M.C.C. tourists and Transvaal ended in a draw to-day, with honours in favour of the home side.

Transvaal declared their first innings at 428 for eight wickets (Viljoen 97, Langton 58). The tourists replied with 268, of which Leslie Ames made 100 in a magnificent innings of 155 minutes in the course of which he hit two sixes and five fours.

The M.C.C. tail-enders collapsed against the fast bowling of Davies, who took six wickets for 62 runs. Against the M.C.C. "tail," he took his last four wickets for only 19 runs.

Batting again, Transvaal had made 174 for two wickets when stumps were drawn. Curran was top-scorer with 51. —Reuter.

## BADMINTON TIE FOR TO-NIGHT

The match in the "A" Division Badminton League between the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and University "A" was not played last night, but will be decided this evening on the former's court.

## Here And There With "Abe"

### Football Also Has Its Uncertainties As Well

CRICKETERS may keep on talking about uncertainties of their game, but quite often even soccerites have their turn to do the talking in this respect. The week-end programme provided two striking instances. When the South China "A" met the Royal Scots at Soekampoo in the opening match of the season, the Chinese won by 10-0, displaying an all-round superiority which made the Scots look like a third-rate team. Yet on Saturday, the South China "A," playing on their own ground at Caroline Hill, were beaten by a goal to nil by the Scots in the return encounter. Though I stated on Saturday that the Chinese would not have things their own way, I confess I did not expect that the Scots would be able to turn the tables on the Caroline Hill side so completely. Apparently, the Chinese themselves were of the same opinion as myself; for, secure in the knowledge of their superiority, they did not field their full side—and paid the penalty. Fortunately for their hopes in the championship race, the Royal Navy also failed, though it was only partly failed. Expected to beat Kowloon, whom they had trounced earlier in the season, the sailors could do no better than draw, and therefore are still a point behind South China "A."

Colony there were many phases of the game entirely new to players in Hongkong. We had heard of the "stopper" but had never seen one here until Whitaker showed us the uses of the "third back." Also it had never struck local backs that an easy way of getting out of a tight corner is to pass the ball back to the goal-keeper. The Islingtonians taught how to do it, and now this is becoming quite common in local matches. Furthermore, before the Islingtonians came, we had never seen such fine and close co-ordination between half-backs and inside-forwards. Now we begin to appreciate how attacking movements should be initiated, although very few local teams have yet been able to develop that fine understanding as displayed between the Islington Corinthians' half-backs and their forwards. But we are learning, and the time will come, no doubt, when our halves play a greater attacking part in our matches.

## Hecht Turns "Pro"

LADISLAUS Hecht, the young Czech Davis Cup player, has joined the ranks of the professional according to a *Trans-Ocean* cable published yesterday. He has reportedly signed a contract with the London-based promoter, J. H. Donnell, for a tour of the British Isles, and will be playing in the forthcoming Davis Cup matches. Hecht, who is 21 years old, is a left-handed player, and is considered one of the best prospects in the world. He has won several titles in his home country, and has been a member of the Czech national team. He is expected to be a major force in the coming season.

negligible. Hecht and Roderick Menzel have been the mainstay of the Czech team for years, but Menzel, who is a Sudeten German, has been reclaimed by the Reich. Now even Hecht is gone. Both Menzel and Hecht are well-known in Hongkong, having passed through two years ago. They gave a sparkling exhibition on the Hongkong C.C. courts during their short stay in the Colony.

## May Visit Us Again

MANY soccer enthusiasts in Hongkong still recall with pleasure the visit paid us by the Islington Corinthians at the beginning of the year in the course of their tour round the world. They will no doubt be glad to hear that there is a distinct possibility of the famous amateur English football team being with us again in 1940. It has been reported that the Islington Corinthians are making negotiations for more tours, and according to the *Rangoon Times*, they have written to the Burma Athletic Association on the subject and will be given to understand that they will be welcome if they could go to Burma in September or October of that year in the course of their tour to the Far East.

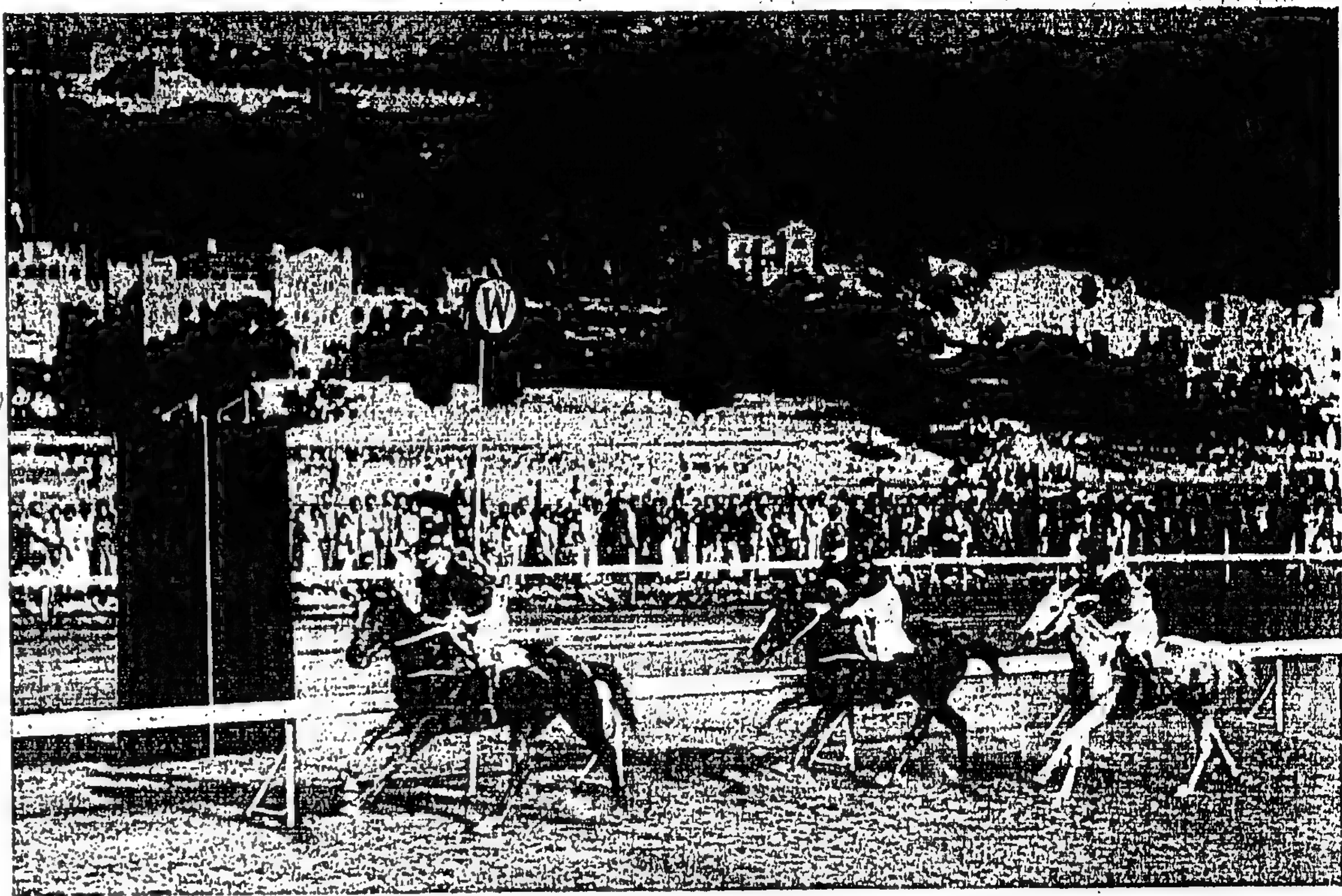
## No News Yet

GO for Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, of the South China Athletic Association, who arranged for the visit of the amateurs to the Colony early this year, has not heard from Mr. Tom Smith, manager of the Islington team, before Mr. Smith left he said he would do his best to bring another team out to the East in 1940. It may be that Mr. Smith is now sort of feeling his way around. He is probably writing to the various soccer associations on the route in which he intends to travel, to obtain reaction to the scheme, and if they are favourable, he will then commence arrangements. Hongkong, I feel sure, will be pleased to see them here again.

## Left Their Mark

ANY keen student of the game cannot have failed to notice that the Islington Corinthian team has left its mark in local football. Before the amateurs played in the

## LUCKY LAD WINS QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONS



Picture here shows the ease with which Lucky Lad, with Mr. V. V. Needs up, won the Queensland Autumn Champions on Saturday when the last extra race-meeting of the season was held. Lucky Lad paid \$39.20 for a win. The overwhelming favourite, Courtling Eve, went lame and Lancashire Chips, the second favourite, was beaten into second place.—Photo by A. V. Wong.

## Met Three Times Without Result In The F.A. Cup

London, Dec. 19.  
Meeting to-day for the third time in the second round of the F.A. Cup, Halifax and Mansfield were still unable to arrive at a decision.

In the first match played between the two teams, at Halifax, the result was a 1-1 draw. At Mansfield last week, each side scored three goals, but although extra time was played, there was no decision.

To-day, neither side was able to score when they met at Doncaster. Extra time again failed to produce goals.—Reuter.

Some years ago, he represented Canada in the Davis Cup competition, and more recently he has been winning tennis laurels in Shanghai. Three or four years ago, he was on a visit to the Colony during the Hongkong C.C. and was induced to join. But midway through the tournament, when it was obvious that there was nobody in Hongkong who could approach him in singles play, he was recalled to Shanghai. Otherwise the Hongkong title would have been added to his long string of victories.

## Farr Slips Again

IF Tommy Farr beat Lou Nova, he will come home at Christmas or very shortly afterwards. This is a recent message from England. But Farr was beaten by Nova in their bout, which took place last Friday. Is he now returning home? It will cost him £750 to fight again in England, the award of the British Boxing Board of Control of that amount against Farr in favour of Promoter Sydney Hills stands up in law. The award was made in connection with the Farr-Schmeling match which never took place, on consequence of the award not being paid. Farr, the Board claims, has been suspended everywhere except the place where he is doing all his fighting—New York State, where the writ of Mike Jacobs indubitably runs. Why the visit home of Farr is contingent on his beating Nova is rather puzzling. Possibly the explanation is that he is by nature a thrifty man, and defeat by this newcomer to the Jacobs circus would wipe out all chance of another contest with Joe Louis. If and when Farr comes home, however, we may expect to hear his name put forward as an opponent for the new British champion, Len Harvey. Farr would still be a big attraction if he chose to enter a British ring again, in spite of his many defeats recently. After all, he did relinquish his British title without being beaten.

## A Cue Described

FOR the first time in the 367-year history of billiards, the shape and size of a billiard cue were laid down recently. The Control Council of the Billiards Association, meeting in London, passed this law: "A billiard cue as recognized by the Billiards Association and Control Council shall be not less than three feet in length and shall show no substantial departure from the traditional and generally accepted shape and form." The reason for this law was the cue used by Alce Brown of a "fountain pen" cue, five inches long, in a match against Tom Newman recently. The story of the incident appears elsewhere in this issue.

## 4-Inch "Cue" Causes Snooker Scene

London, Nov. 15.  
Alce Brown, playing Tom Newman in the Gold snooker tournament at Thurston's, London, yesterday, issued a practical challenge on "What is a billiards cue?" by pulling a four-inch cue like a fountain-pen from his waistcoat pocket, chalking one end, and using it to make a difficult stroke.

Newman, staggered, turned to Charles Chambers, the referee, and said: "I say, he can't do that."

Brown asked: "Why not? It's a cue. It has a tip. There is no definition of a cue in the rules."

A spectator called: "What is the rule? Read us the rule."

Chambers turned up the rules and read Rule 6—"All strokes must be made with the tip of the cue."

He then penalised Brown seven points, declaring that the "fountain-pen" was not a cue within the meaning of the rules.

Brown said afterwards: "The rules do not define the size or shape of a cue."

"Nearly every enthusiast has a short cue to use in awkward spots. I have been carrying this pocket cue, which is properly tipped (and has a gold fountain-pen clip and band) for eighteen months. I have

## WOULD YOU CALL THIS A BILLIARD CUE?



## SEABISCUIT VOTED BEST RACE-HORSE

New York, Dec. 12.  
Charles S. Howard, Seabiscuit, conqueror of War Admiral in one of the most spectacular match races in turf history, to-day was proclaimed the outstanding race horse of 1938 in a nation-wide poll of sports writers in the United States conducted by the Turf and Sports Digest of Baltimore.

The rugged five-year-old son of Hard Tack and Swing On was named champion over Sumner Redford's War-O-War's four-year-old son, War Admiral, who last year just beat Seabiscuit for the season's highest turf honours.—United Press.



This picture shows how the balls were placed when Alce Brown used his "fountain pen" cue. Cue ball is tucked into pack of reds, and black—only payable colour—on top cushion.

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# FOREIGN ATHLETES CATCHING UP WITH AMERICAN STARS

## Track And Field Events Will Be More Even Now

(By Jack Cuddy, United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Nov. 20.

Are foreign athletes catching up with Americans?

Next month sports writers will give off their annual round-ups of achievements in the various departments of athletics during the year. And when the writing lads come to the subject of track and field, we can expect surprise in many quarters and possibly some viewing with alarm.

The panorama of men's track and field will be quite important, giving us a picture of the American athletes and the foreign—who will start appearing during 1939 for the Olympic Games at Helsinki, Finland, in 1940.

The United States have been supreme in men's track and field events at the Olympic since the first modern games were held at Athens in 1896. At the last Olympiad at Berlin in 1936, we ran away with the elder and field events. We had a point total of 203 against 80½ for Finland, which came second. Germany, in third place, had 51 and a fraction.

There are indications now, however, that our competition will be much stiffer at Helsinki. A comparison of the world's best track and field performances for the current year reveals that American athletes no longer dominate the list as they did in the past.

### FOREIGNERS GO UP

A recent issue of the magazine "Amateur Athlete," official publication of the Amateur Athletic Union, shows that foreigners took No. 1 positions in 11 of the 20 events included in the compilation.

The magazine stresses, "events that formerly were almost the exclusive property of the United States have passed across the seas—100 metres, 800 metres, 1,500 metres and two miles in the track tests, and shot put, hammer throw and discus throw in the field events."

It points out that Sydney Wooderson of Great Britain is the only athlete to attain top ranking in two events. His world record of 1:49.4 in the 800-metre run and his 3:49 in the 1,500 gives him the lead in these two events. And the 800-yard run has been given separate attention instead of being included in with the 800-metre performances. Wooderson also would have been first there since he covered the half-mile in 1:49.2, also a world record.

Where we were once supreme in the hammer throw, we now have two Germans bettering American heaves for the year—Erwin Blum and Karl Hein.

### FASTEST HUMAN

Perhaps the most surprising revelation is that Oskarmer of the Netherlands turned in the fastest time for the 100 metres, an event which has been regarded as virtually the sole property of the land of "fastest humans."

Pekuri, Maki and Sulminen of Finland registered the best clockings in the two-mile, 5,000-metre and 10,000-metre runs. Weelke of Germany had the best performance in the shot put. Nikkunen of Finland in the javelin throw; Oberwieser of Italy with the discus and Metcalfe of Australia in the hop, step and jump.

Personally I see no immediate cause for alarm in these foreign achievements for 1938, although they are a robust reminder that athletes abroad are improving rapidly, and that Uncle Sam may have difficulty maintaining his Olympic supremacy in later Olympiads.

Foreign athletic officials have adopted American methods in selecting and training their track and field men. For many years our youngsters had a decided advantage in coaching in high school and college—particularly in college where the great game of football provides adequate financing for track and field teams.

### TECHNIQUE COPIED

But the foreigners have copied our technique—with movie cameras, and scouts. In foreign countries there is no football to provide big gates and funds for track coaches and training. But there are government subsidies, which apparently are being utilized in a big way particularly in Germany, Italy and Japan. Moreover in England and France the American idea of "winning rather than merely competing" is permeating rapidly. The French, who didn't win a single point in men's track and field at the Berlin

Olympics, are frantically trying to secure athletes who can send the tri-colour up the pole at Helsinki. They sent an expedition to Senegal and Sudan, Africa, seeking jungle negroes who might achieve for France what college-trained American negroes have done for the Stars and Stripes.

The foreigners are after us athletically, and their performances this year indicate that they're gradually closing the gap.—United Press.

## WEIGHT LIFTING RECORDS ARE BETTERED

The Third Weight Lifting Competition by the pupils of the Maurice College of Physical Culture was held in the College Gymnasium on Sunday, with more than a hundred pupils and friends attending.

The outstanding performance was that of Fung Shu-shit, 19 years of age and 119 lbs. body weight, who lifted 200 lbs. in the "Two Hands Clean and Jerk," 145 lbs. in the "Two Hands Snatch," and 360 lbs. in the "Two Hands Dead Lift." All the School records of the past 13 years were shattered by this athlete.

Prizes for the competitions and other outstanding performances during the year were distributed by Mrs. A. W. Woo. The following were the prize winners:

Weight Lifting, Senior—Challenge Cup, Fung Shu-shit; Francis Young; Cheung Yung. Junior—Challenge Cup, Ip Man-wai; Liang Shau-hong; Ip Man-hing. Posing Championship—Fung Shu-shit; Leung Chi-shing; Alfred Fung. Graduate—Fung Shu-shit, Leung Chi-shing. Intermediate Posing—Cheung Yung, Lei Po-ming.

First Test Passes—Yu Ping-tung, Ho Yat-wing, Woo Yin-kwong, Ip Man-wai, Ma Kai-shing, Ip Man-hing, Koo Yung-shan, Wen Wei-shin, Francis Reed, Wong Man-shing, S. A. Reed, Lo Wing-tai, Liang Shau-hong, Lam Hon-yuen, Albert Dang, Harry Gubbay and Chan Bing-pul.

Certificates of Merit and Silver and Bronze Medals—Liang Shau-hong, Yu Ping-tung, Ho Yat-wing, Koo Yung-shan, Harry Gubbay, S. A. Reed, Lo Wing-tai, Ip Man-wai, Lei Po-ming, Wen Wei-shin, Lam Hon-yuen, Woo Yin-kwong, Chan Bing-pul, Wong Man-shing, Cheung Yung, Francis Reed, Francis Young, Fung Shu-shit, Lam Yung-fai, Leung Chi-shing, Ma Kai-yue.

The Lynn Shield was won by Fung Shu-shit and Ip Man-wai.

### SCHOOLS COMPETITION

#### Eliminating Rounds Held At Hongkong F.C. Yesterday

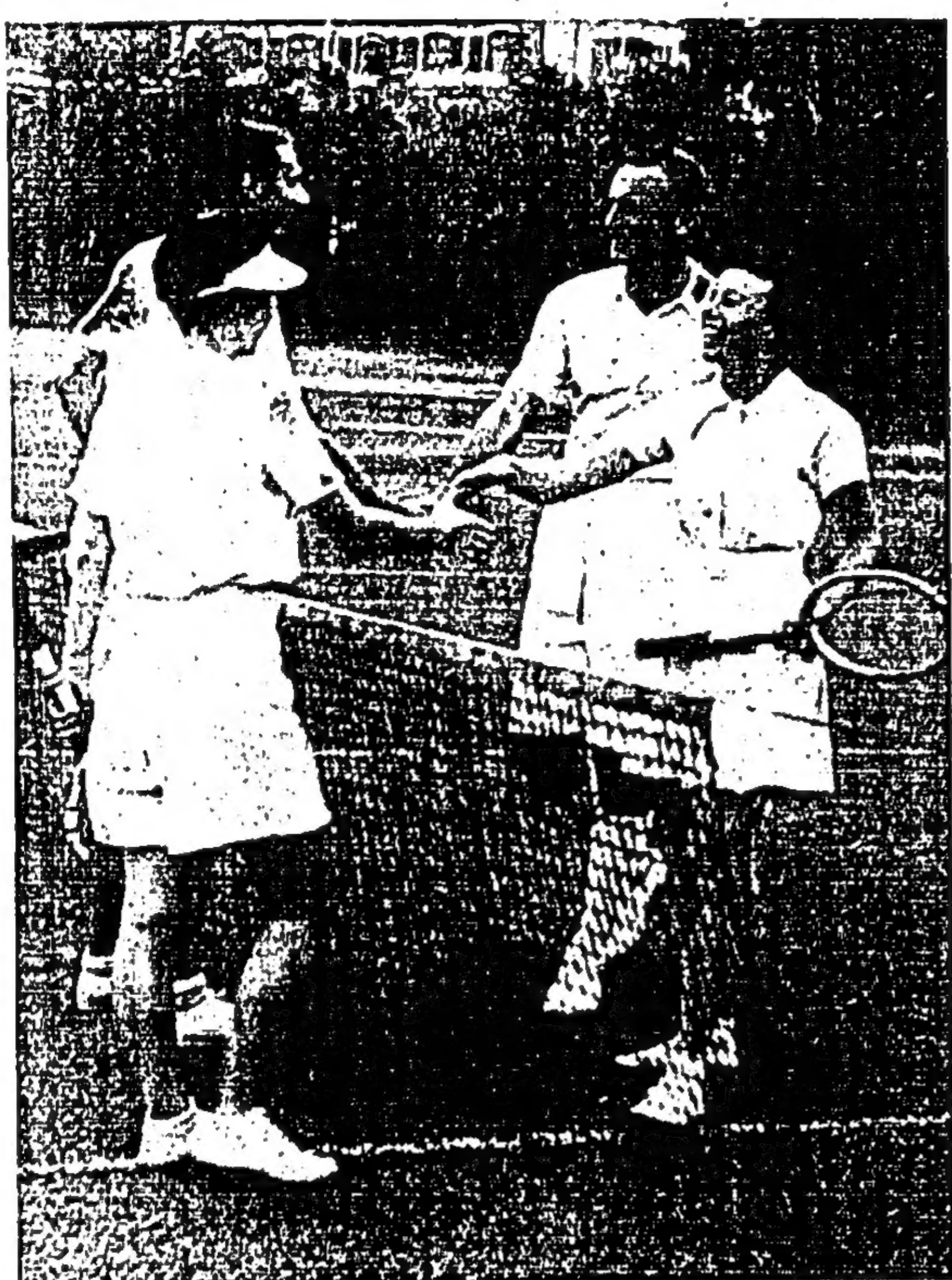
The third annual physical training competition open to the local vernacular boys' schools commenced at the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday, when 15 Hongkong schools took part in the eliminating rounds.

The Kowloon Schools will have their competition on the Kowloon Football Club ground to-day at 9 a.m. while the finals will take part at 11 a.m.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith will also be present. Teams from the following schools took part this morning: Chung Wo, Tai Tung, Tuen Man, Yeuk Chi, Fruit Dealers, Guild, Confucius Society, Tung Tin Association, Tak Ming, Fong Lam, Chi Keung, Kong Kiu, Lingnam Branch, Roman Catholic Mission, Kim Sin, and St. Louis Industrial School.

### FANLING BOGEY POOL

G. R. Razavet (23) and P. Jackson (20), two up, tied and divided the Bogey (Par) Pool competition played at Fanling over the week-end.



Commr. Kennedy and Miss Madge Griffiths congratulating the winners, W. A. H. Duff and Miss A. Taylor, at the conclusion of the Mixed Doubles tennis final at the Chinese R.C. on Saturday. Duff and Miss Taylor won by scores of 6-4, 6-3.—Photo by Jaffer.

## National Theatre Will Plan Tours

THE Shakespeare Memorial National Theatre, to be erected on the South Kensington Island site opposite the Victoria and Albert Museum, will not be a Shakespeare Theatre in the ordinary meaning of the term.

This declaration is made by Mr. Geoffrey Whitworth, honorary secretary of the National Theatre Company, in a new edition of "The Theatre of My Heart."

Mr. Whitworth writes: "Founded in the name of Shakespeare, the theatre will for the most part produce either new and original dramas or plays which, though they belong to the contemporary stage, are no longer in commission."

"At present the life of a new successful play is measured in months. The earlier comedies of Noel Coward, Somerset Maugham or Barrie are practically unknown to the younger generation of playgoers."

"And then, of course, there is the untold wealth of classical drama which is lost to the modern theatre. This vacuum will be filled by the National Theatre."

Of the Committee's wider aims the author mentions that the most successful productions will tour the chief cultural centres of Great Britain and the Empire.

## Army Tells Some Secrets

Mr. Horvath-Bellah, the War Minister, opening a "Science in the Army" exhibition at South Kensington recently, said: "It is our ambition at the War Office to increase the interest of the public in its Army."

He added: While, for reasons of security, it is not possible to display the best illustrations we could give of our interest in science and our application of its researches, we trust that enough has been shown to

## SECOND ROUND OF RUGGER TOURNEY COMMENCES ON SATURDAY NEXT

### H.E. The Governor To Watch Game

On Saturday, December 24, the second round of the annual Rugby Football Triangular Tournament will commence, when the Club will play the Army, on the Club ground at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor has signified his intention of watching the game. The first round of the Tournament was completed last Saturday, when the Navy defeated the Army. At present the Navy have two wins to their credit, the Club one, whilst the Army have twice suffered defeat.

The Army have been unfortunate this year in their matches. In the first game against the Club exchanges were very even during the first twenty minutes. The Army then lost their scrum half through injury and shortly afterwards a member of the pack had to leave the field. In the second half, another member of their pack was injured and became a passenger. Thus the Club, playing against virtually twelve men, were able to score freely in the closing stages of the game. Against the Navy, the Army were again badly below strength and although their forwards played well, weakness behind the scrum led to another defeat. The injured have now recovered, and it is hoped that with a full side out against the Club a close and keen game will be enjoyed by both players and spectators on Saturday. Lt. Commander Linton will referee the game.

### TO-MORROW'S GAME

There will be a game of Rugby Football on the Club ground at Happy Valley to-morrow, when the Club "A" XV will play the 6th. A. A. Brigade. The match will commence at 4.45 p.m. The Club side has been selected as follows:—

J. T. Brown; H. F. Hopkins, C. J. Powell, G. S. Wilson, D. I. Bosanquet, J. Hutchison, R. Eutherford, C. M. Stark, J. S. Dunnett (Captain), W. Stoker, E. A. Bompas, G. M. Marrs, H. W. Heath, J. C. Menhinick and T. H. Pratt.

The second of its kind, a race up Taimoshan was held on Sunday, which attracted numerous entries, both men and women. The strenuous competition concluded in the following order:—

## Cycling Club President Retires

Making his last appearance as President of the Club, H. A. G. Keates led Sunday morning's run, which started from Hennessy Road at 9.30 a.m. Reaching Shaokwan, the party ran into misty rain, which, however, failed to dampen their spirits, and as a demonstration of this, an impromptu time trial over a course of 2 miles 5 furlongs was held on the Sheko road under English unopposed rules. In spite of the handicap of wet roads, full touring kit and small gears, the following times were returned:

1. Kum Yu-wah 8.14 19.12 m.p.h.  
2. Tang Wah-sun 9.36 16.40 m.p.h.  
3. Leung Yu-ye 9.19 16.60 m.p.h.  
4. Chan Yeung-ping 9.14 17.05 m.p.h.  
5. Robert Yuen 8.13 19.16 m.p.h.  
6. H.A.G. Keates 7.07 22.13 m.p.h.  
\*These riders used ordinary machines.

Leung Yu-ye put up a fine initial effort on an ordinary machine, as his time included a stop to replace a derailed chain.

Continuing the run, Stanley turn was passed at 12.20 p.m., and by this time the rain showed signs of ceasing. On rapidly drying roads, the party gained Abberley at 12.50 p.m., collecting an additional contingent en route. A halt for refreshments detained the riders 40 minutes in the fishing village, before resumption of the final section. One party concluded the run via Jubilee Road to Kennedy Town, the other climbing up to Pokfulam in order to disperse in Bonham Road at 2 p.m.

### Tourist Time Trial Awards

Certificates gained by successful riders in the Club's recent Tourist Time Trial will be presented at the Y.M.C.A. (Chinese), Bridges Street, at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20. Other Club fixtures for December include two training rides, the first leaving the Methodist Church, Hennessy Road, Wanchai, at 6 p.m. December 21 (20 miles), and the second from the Alhambra Theatre, Kowloon, at 8.30 a.m. December 26 (40 miles). A New Year's Eve Club-run is scheduled to leave the above rendezvous in Wanchai at 11.30 p.m. December 31, and will conclude approximately an hour later.

The departure from the Colony of many Club members and officials, coupled with the resignation of the President, who has also finally retired from participation in competitive events and time trials, has necessitated a General Meeting in the very near future. Important changes in the Club's policy will be discussed, whilst arrangements for the Open 25 miles race to be held on February 5 of next year are also to be concluded. The retirement of Mr. H. A. G. Keates from the racing sphere has caused little surprise amongst local Club-men as he has been able to devote little time to preparation for trials or races during the last 18 months, owing to the exacting nature of his military duties. The brief periods he is able to spare in future will be given to organisation work for the Club, and in his capacity as Adviser to the Cycling Section of the Y.M.C.A. (Chinese).

## FANCY DRESS SOCCER

A football match in which humorous incidents are expected to take place has been arranged for Christmas Day, kick-off at 4 p.m. at Caroline Hill. The players, Chinese and Europeans, will appear in fancy dress.

It is understood that the noted player, Lee Wai-long, has agreed to turn out for the Chinese team. Expenses are being shared by the teams and the entire proceeds will be devoted to the Hongkong Chinese Athletics Emergency Corps. Prices of admission will be \$2, \$1 and 50 cents.

## MOUNTAIN RACE Novel Competition Held Up Taimoshan

The second of its kind, a race up Taimoshan was held on Sunday, which attracted numerous entries, both men and women. The strenuous competition concluded in the following order:—

Men—Yeung Wah-sang, Leung Nee-yik, Yuen Yat-sheo and Mok Hoo-in.



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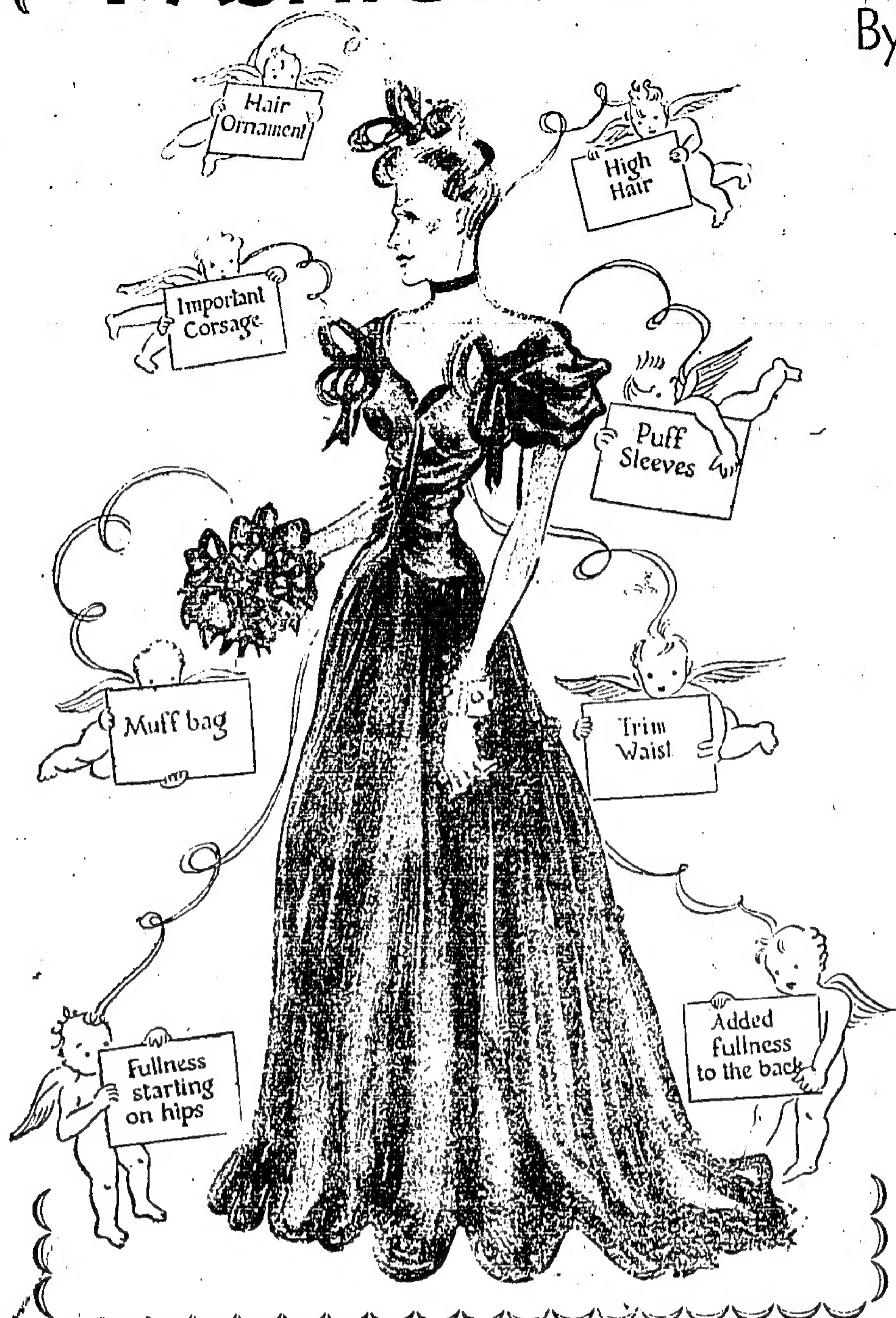
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# FASHION IN FULL DRESS

By Mary Grace



LOOK through the family album or at a picture of Queen Alexandra, and you will get a good notion of the latest vogue in evening wear. The romantic frock illustrated is straight from Paris, and will help you to formulate your ideas when deciding on a new evening dress.

I have enlisted Master Cupid's help in indicating clearly all the new fashion trends for the current season, as he is often busy during dancing time and at evening parties.

Firstly, the upward sweep of the hair gives a graceful pose, especially if you have a small head, topped, you'll notice, by a tulle bow that is much more fashionable than flowers or clips.

If you have a trim waist now is the time to flaunt it, as bodices are important and must be fitting. The fullness of the skirt comes from the hips, and not from the waist as it did last spring. Then there is the added fullness in the back to give the trim Edwardian line; almost for a time it looked as if it might develop into a bustle.

Sleeves full? Yes, but cut low on the shoulder with no high puff or stiffening. A frivolous little

muff of gauged taffeta, velvet or, perhaps, entirely of flowers, but always with a zipped pocket in which to tuck away your special evening beauty aids.

In keeping with this trend, tulle and velvet tints lead the colour procession, followed by sapphire blue, red, and, of course, becoming black.

Pastel coloured and silver moiré, slipper satins, story book frocks with yards and yards of delicately tinted brocade in the skirt, figured poults de sole, chiffons and tulle all help to give the right feminine note that dominates the dance frocks of the season.

These new frocks need little jewellery, and even then it has an old-fashioned air. Gold bracelets are wide, or maybe a piece of black velvet joined by a tiny posy encircles the wrist.

Look in the family trinket box and see if you can find a large gold brooch or cameo—it will suit your dance frocks. Pearls or other necklaces are three stranded, or again you can wear black velvet with a diamante clip. Earrings are small, so as not to detract from the new coiffure, and here and there I see a fan, quite small, held between mitted fingers. I like this decorative, keep-cool notion.

## YOUR DAILY FACIAL EXERCISES

THE use of make-up, since such art of changing your expression by adjuncts have ceased to be rendering your face soft and pliant. discouraged, has done much to give the muscles of your face require every woman a chance of looking every bit as much exercise as the beautiful, but there is one thing of muscles of your body, and should be paramount importance that may be exercised to prevent them becoming lacking, and at all events is too often stiff and immovable.

Exercise each feature separately, repeating each movement as often as time permits. Begin by opening towards imitation, and thus unavol- ably becoming stereotyped in style and appearance. We should there- fore cultivate facial expression so as not to lose our own individuality.

When you go to see a film in which some prominent actress is taking part you notice how well she looks in every movement. Does it occur to you that every action is carefully studied and that she portrays the character in the film as much by her expression as the spoken word? In order to be the possessor of distinction do you ever study your own expression, endeavouring to change each feeling look to suit each mood, or are you content to wear the same fixed look whatever you may be under- taking?

**Blank Looks**  
For instance, if you are a business girl employed in shop or office, do you, when your chief speaks to you, answer him back with a blank look, seemingly devoid of all intelligence, or do you receive his instructions with an expression of animated attention?

If you have not studied this all- important factor and your ex- pression gives the impression that you are not interested, your chief will think, no doubt, that you have no intention of trying to understand and carry out his wishes, and someone else, with more expression or who knows better how to use it, may get ahead of you.

In studying your face in front of a mirror you may be unpleasantly surprised to see that your natural expression does not convey all of the impression you imagined. You may be smiling broadly, and yet paradoxically as "crow's feet," far from being a sign of age, give an expression of a genuine sense of genuine pleasure.

You may be feeling interest, humour to any face. If you persevere with your daily concern, sadness, or pleasure, and when you study your looks, find that your expression does not alter, that not only will your face become more mobile and expressive but will your other daily exercises give you assume infinitely more charm and a few moments to the exercising of dignity when in repose.

**Exercise the Mouth**  
The mouth is of great importance and should never be neglected. Begin by opening and shutting the mouth, repeatedly to give pliancy to the jaw. Next raise the upper lip keeping the lower one motionless. Then exercise the lower one in the same way. Finish by pulling the mouth backwards to its full extent, then pursing up the lips push them forward, taking a breath between each movement. The eyebrows, too, should not be forgotten for they play an important part in facial expression, so finish off your exercises by raising and lowering your brows.

Your face tells your character, chiefly by the lines that your expression has left on it. You may say, "But I have no lines," or do your best to eliminate them should they appear. But they should not be too drastically eliminated. A slight crease between the eyes gives a mirror you may be unpleasantly surprised to see that your natural expression does not convey all of the impression you imagined. You may be smiling broadly, and yet paradoxically as "crow's feet," far from being a sign of age, give an expression of a genuine sense of genuine pleasure.

**Choosing Clothes**  
**Should Husbands Help?**

THE husband of the best-dressed best to guess what he admired in and happiest woman I know feminine wear and remember his helps to choose his wife's clothes! Ideas when she went shopping. But the wife makes no secret of the often it was not so easy when she fact. Rather, she enjoys her ex- wife inside the shop. A very saucy, clomations of surprise when she but she worried a bit in case her remarks, "Of course, John, you shopping with me, for hats and suits husband would not like it so much. and evening frocks, even for dress Not that he would have said anything materials and paper patterns. I would not have it otherwise!"

Yet John is not one of those modern artistic beings who know hat and shape and colour he likes, more about everything than his wives. His taste is good, but not better than hers. His hobbies are the many ones of golf and gardening, and he is not fussy about the house. He is just an ordinary companionable husband who likes to see his wife looking smart and pretty, and takes a sensible interest in what she wears.

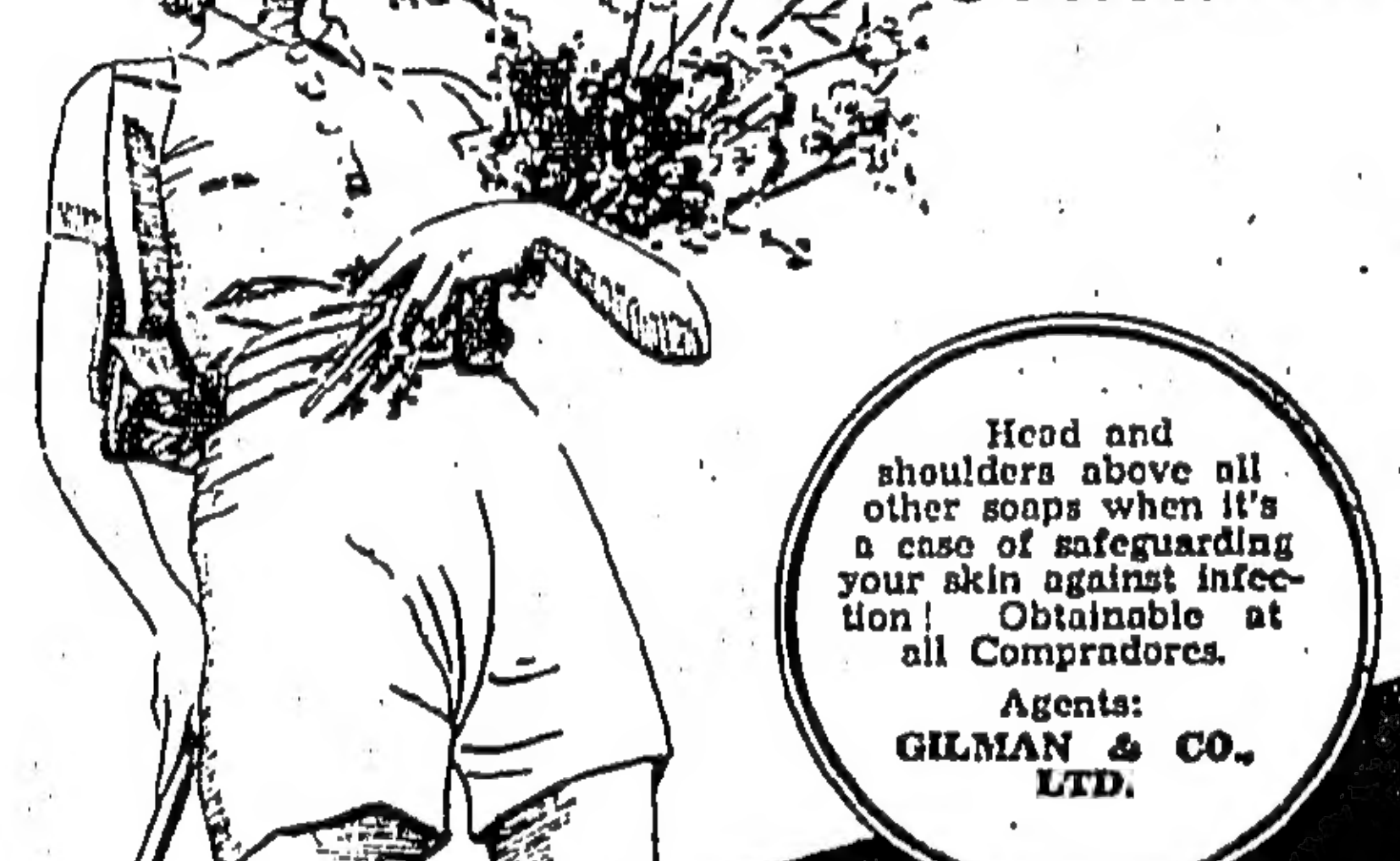
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grumble so much about their wives' department. If wives can invade dress allowance would not say a the men's outfitting, or judge the word if they knew something about merits of pyjamas and shirtings, why should not husbands be welcomed in the gowns or millinery department?

**Away With Pretence**  
Sensible modern women have put aside all this stupid pretence. I don't dress to please my husband. I please myself. Quite frankly they want to be admired by the man who matters, and they choose the clothes he will admire them in.

The highest compliment a man can pay a woman is to show interest in her appearance, especially when they have been married for a few years. Men are being sensible about shopping nowadays. No longer do they stand, looking hot and em- barrassed, on the edge of a feminine

Anne Blythe

A FAMOUS playwright once wrote a play called "You Never Can Tell." The moral of it was that it is not wise to be too undecided and never to know one's mind; on the other hand it does not do to be too sure.

During the last few days I have been reminded of this by readers, who have written in to point out that Naaman, the leper, was advised by his slaves to take the advice of the prophet, not by the little captive maid who waited on his wife. Although it is true that she first of all suggested the expedition to consult him.

Feeling that I knew the Bible stories practically off by heart, I did not confirm the quotation, with the result that I misquoted.

Happily, in this case, no particular harm was done, but I must confess that many a time I have been astounded at the way in which people will give information in the most positive way for which they have no warrant.

**Without Proof**

They do not even say that they think this, that or the other, or that it is their opinion.

They say definitely that trains leave at such a time, that buses stop at such a place, or make statements about the actions of others, without having the slightest proof of the truth of their statements. In

Minnie Pallister warns you—  
**Don't Be Too Sure**

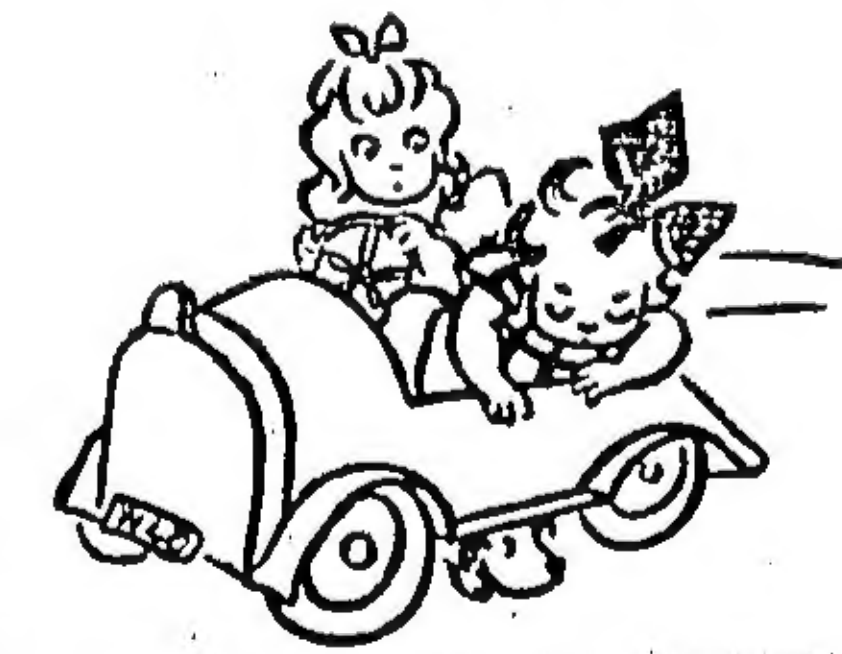
this way they may cause infinite trouble, delay, or even worse mis- hap to those who take their word for it.

We often hear women say, "I could have sworn," and that means that they have been positive and found out too late that they were quite wrong.

Anyone connected with a court of law will tell us how impossible it is to get accurate accounts of the simplest accident.

Eye-witnesses who do not intend

**MIDGE: Motorist**



"Change down, Judy, she's knocking!"

to be untruthful will give false accounts of what happened.

Probably out of this well-known carelessness of the average person has arisen the old saying, "Give the benefit of the doubt."

**Slight & Slander**

Too often we think the worst on very slender evidence. We are so certain that so-and-so slighted us, or slandered us, or took offence, when all the time there is not a shred of real evidence to support our accusation.

"Better to be sure than sorry" is another wise old tag. Instead of "swearing" that we locked that door, turned off the water, switched off the light, put those documents away, we had better spend the time confirming it.

Before we give information which may mislead people and cause loss or damage, it is better to look up our facts or say that we don't know before being "perfectly certain" that a friend or an employee has been guilty.

Next time I catch myself saying "I'm sure," I shall remember the little captive maid and make sure.

**Helpful Hints**

**BEFORE** spreading a sponge hand- wich with jam—lightly butter each side first—and the jam will not sink in.

Before opening tins of tongue, salmon, &c., allow the tin to stand for an hour or so in cold water. This ensures a clean release of the contents.

After using a bottle of glue, dip the cork in glycerine before replacing it. You will then have no difficulty in taking it out on the next occasion.

Slitch a small piece of elastic to each side of your overall cuffs—cut-link fashion—and you will then be able to roll up your sleeves quickly and easily.

Old pot pourri that has lost its scent can be revived by mixing brown sugar with it freely. Use the real Barbados sugar, and you'll be surprised at the result.

**Rusk Rarebit**

THIS makes a welcome change from the ordinary "wels" variety of rarebit. Dip some rusks in milk and arrange them in the dish in which they are going to be served. Cover them with a layer of grated cheese, and pour over the whole a white sauce to which a chipped hard-boiled egg has been added. Bake for ten minutes in a quick oven, after sprinkling a little grated cheese over the top. The egg can be omitted if desired.

W. B.

**Inflated Turkeys Deflated**

Meo Pasquetti, a poultry dealer got the idea of blowing up his turkeys with a pump so as to sell them the more easily. Everything went well until a turkey exploded and a piece of bone injured his assistant's eyes.

**Home Hints**

**WHEN** filling cracks in walls, use plaster of Paris mixed with vinegar instead of water, for then the plaster will keep moist longer, so allowing the job to be done better before it sets.

Cracks in furniture may be filled with beeswax, but if they are large, use a mixture of beeswax and fine sawdust. When dry, rub over with polish.

To remove white marks from furniture caused by hot dishes, first rub them in a circular motion with a cloth dipped in methylated spirits, and then apply olive oil, otherwise the spirits will remove all traces of polish. If necessary repeat the process next day.

Damp a soft leather with a little olive oil and rub all over, then finish off with a dry polishing cloth. Copper ware can be cleaned with lemon dipped in salt. The article should then be washed and dried and polished with a soft cloth.







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## Europeans Fined For Traffic Breaches

Mrs. I. W. Shewan, of May Road, and Mrs. D. J. Gilmore, of The Peak, were cautioned by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when summoned for causing an obstruction with their cars in Connaught Road Central on December 6.

Acting Sub-Inspector D. G. Baker said that the cars were left outside the car park opposite Queen's Pier, and caused an obstruction to vehicles entering the Pier.

K. A. Watson, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, was cautioned for driving his car in Wellington Street, a portion of which is a closed road, without a permit.

All defendants pleaded guilty to the summonses by letter.

## Naval Officers In 1 a.m. Accident

The naval officers had a narrow escape from injury early this morning when the car they were in collided with the side of the road and overturned while on their way towards Repulse Bay.

The car, driven by Lt. H. Duffin, of H.M.S. Medway, was proceeding up Stubbs Road about 1.30 a.m., with Lt. P. Chapman as a passenger. Rounding a bend of the road, Lt. Duffin was apparently dazzled by the lights of an oncoming car. He swerved his own vehicle and hit the side of the road, mounting the slight embankment and overturning.

Neither of the officers were injured, but the car was badly damaged.

## Australians Are Warned Of War

Melbourne, Dec. 19. "Australian democracy is menaced from without and within. A national effort is needed to prevent disintegration," declared Mr. J. A. Lyons, the Prime Minister, when inaugurating a campaign of the Australian Defence League in Victoria.

He added that some nations did not now heed words, which must be backed by armed strength.

He said that war was already operating in the world and that none could set the lands to where and when it would strike next.—Reuter Special.

## 13 Die In Tokyo Powder Explosion

Tokyo, Dec. 20. Thirteen workmen were killed as a result of an explosion on Monday afternoon in the powder mills at Iwanuma, near Tokyo.

The explosion shattered the window panes in nearby houses of villagers. Four factory buildings were destroyed by fires which resulted from the explosion.—Domei.

## "THE THREE BEARS"

Owing to the demand for tickets for the pantomime "The Three Bears" at the Helena May Institute, an additional performance will be given on Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

The annual distribution of prizes at the St. Louis Industrial School will be held to-morrow at 3.30 p.m.

## LATE NEWS

### BIG DROP IN COLONY TRADE

Principally as a result of Japanese operations in China, Hongkong trade during the month of November decreased by over nine per cent., according to figures issued by the Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department to-day.

Total trade for the month was \$95,000,000, compared with \$104,000,000 in the corresponding period last year.

Imports decreased from \$59,700,000 in November 1937 to \$53,800,000, while exports decreased from \$45,200,000 to \$41,400,000.

Including treasure, exports show a remarkable decline compared with November last year, the total for 1937 being \$107,824,000 compared with \$64,003,000.

Imports from the United Kingdom have decreased from \$5,236,344 to \$4,112,337, while Australia's trade has been halved from \$1,441,401 to \$585,302.

Decreases are also apparent in imports from British Malaya, reduced from \$600,151 to \$422,734; the Netherlands East Indies, reduced from \$4,145,330 to \$2,010,122; the Philippines, reduced from \$192,840 to \$98,230, and the United States, which registers the greatest loss of all countries, the figures being \$8,710,084 for November, 1937 and \$2,080,450 for the corresponding period this year.

The Japanese invasion of South China was responsible for Hongkong imports declining, as already exclusively told by the "Telegraph," from \$12,004,748 in November, 1937 to \$4,313,015, while exports to South China have declined from \$12,288,040 to \$3,882,873.

On the other hand, trade with North China has improved in remarkable fashion, imports being \$23,541,180 compared with \$6,529,003 in the corresponding period of 1937. Exports to North China, however, are down from \$4,762,400 to \$2,083,082.

Remarkable loss of trade with Hongkong has been sustained with Burma, Hongkong's imports from this centre dropping from \$4,735,809 in November last year to only \$10,102 last month.

Japan is still feeling the effects of the unofficial boycott, Hongkong imports totalling \$1,404,086 (compared with \$2,449,052 last year) and exports totalling \$308,807 (down from \$802,292).

### H.K. Not Affected By Japan's Policy

Tokyo, Dec. 20. A foreign correspondent, in the course of Monday's Press conference with Foreign Minister Arita, asked what would be the possible effects on Hongkong and Concessions administered by the Powers in China in the event of Japan advocating promotion of the present semi-colonial status of China to that of a modern, independent State.

Replying, Foreign Minister Arita said that Japan's policy would not affect the territory which has been ceded to other Powers.—Domei.

### Czech-Hungarian Parleys Break Off

Bratislava, Dec. 19. The Czech-Slovak Government of the autonomous Slovakia province, broke off frontier negotiations with Hungary after an election clash in which two Customs officials were allegedly slain in a fight with Hungarian irregulars, according to a report made known to-day.—United Press.

### Big Japanese Ship Combine For Yangtse

"Central News" quotes Shanghai message reporting organisation by Japan of 10,000,000 yen shipping combine to undertake shipping on Yangtze and on other China routes. Nishin Kisen Kaisha is reported to be building four ships for Yangtze.

### Won't Countenance Pact Violation

London, Dec. 19. The attitude of the British Government is that it can not subscribe to any modification of existing treaties by unilateral action.

"There is no clause in the Nine Power Pact limiting its validity." This reply was given in the House of Commons to-day by Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, to question.—Reuter.

### British Action In Orient, Threat

London, Dec. 19. Asked in House of Commons if British Government would consider taking discriminatory trade action against Japanese goods until Open Door is restored in China, Mr. R. A. Butler, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, said British Government had under constant review the question of what steps might be taken in respect of British interests.

"We are prepared to give consideration to any matters proposed for their protection," he declared.—Reuter.

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## Rain of Questions On Position in Yangtse

LONDON, Dec. 19. MOST OF Mr. R. A. Butler's answers to questions on China were made to-day on the omnibus principle.

Replying to Commander Marsden and Captain Alan Graham, who asked whether Mr. Butler was aware that Japanese merchant shipping was plying freely on the Yangtse, and that no Japanese cargo vessels had yet met with misfortune owing to drifting mines, alleged by the Japanese as the objection to reopening the river to British shipping, Mr. Butler said that advertisements and notices of sailings appeared in the Chinese language papers in Shanghai, providing evidence that Japanese steamers were trading on the Yangtse.

The Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs had now undertaken to give further consideration to the matter in the light of fresh evidence which Sir Robert Craigie had put before him.

The Japanese Government, in a note on November 14, stated that a Japanese transport had lately been sunk by mines, but that appeared to have been an isolated instance.—Reuter.

Mr. Butler replied that the British Consul had promised to furnish full particulars as soon as possible.

Mr. A. C. Moring asked whether the Premier was informed of the attitude of the Japanese authorities in allowing Japanese soldiers in the Yangtsepoos district to sell entire buildings cheaply for break-up and bricks outside the area; to demand large sums for personal protection, and for permission to carry goods outside the area; and to what extent such opportunities for illicit profit are proving a permanent obstacle to the restoration of the area to the control of the Municipal Council.

Mr. Butler replied: "No. Therefore the last part of the question does not arise."

He added that restoration of the Yangtsepoos to the control of the Municipal Council was at present under active consideration with the Japanese authorities.—Reuter.

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